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A Sad Day.... Old Betty's House Meets Demolition

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It was a disappointing dose of reality for the two businessmen who gave it their best shot and a bitter pill for local historians to swallow.

Last week, the 166 year-old landmark known throughout the Pioneer Valley for 30 years as Betty's Old Towne House was demolished to make room for a Walgreen's drug store on the corner of Springfield and Walnut Streets.

Considered by local historians as the last oasis of beauty in the midst of a commercial district, the distinctive red clapboard building was the focus of months of behind-the-scenes efforts to stave off its ultimate fate: demolition at the hands of the developers aiming to build a Walgreen's pharmacy on the site.

Time Ran Out

Despite Walgreen's offer of \$15,000 toward the cost of moving the building and the company's pledge to hold off on their demolition deadline as long as possible, time ran out for businessmen Thomas Fredette and Dennis Librera in their attempt to relocate the building onto their neighboring property.

The two men, who own and operate Floral Concepts by Tom next door to Betty's, had hoped to store the building temporarily while they sought a zone change from Town Council (that would allow them to use the building for an artisans' gallery and a coffee shop).

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Big Improvements Being Haired In Agawam Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Promising to give the School Department intelligent and dedicated leadership, School Superintendent Frank A. Ameruso updated the School Committee on the progress being made to fulfill his vision of the school system in the year 2000 at Tuesday night's meeting.

"The news is good. Very good!" Ameruso said.

In the 12 months since outlining the four major areas he likens to "tiles in the mosaic" of what the schools will look like entering the millennium, Ameruso said there has been significant progress in systemic change, site-based management, educational programs, and technology.

Despite being "particularly pleased" with the work being done to develop and deliver the best possible educational program options for the students, Ameruso strongly cautioned against measuring the effectiveness of any school district by the results of the state-mandated student achievement tests to be administered this spring.

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GOOD-BYE, OLD FRIEND!!! After 30 years, Betty's Old Towne House was torn down last week to make way for a Walgreen's drug store on the corner of Springfield and Walnut Streets. The building (which is a 166 year-old landmark) will be sorely missed by townspeople and local historians. (See related photo on Page 2.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ready To Serve You In Feeding Hills...



MAUREEN PRICE (Postmaster) and **DOREEN GALLAGHER** (Clerk) are proud of the renovations that have taken place at the Feeding Hills Post Office (located at 1339 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills Center). Both Maureen and Doreen believe that the "new" facility will enable them to better serve the postal needs of area residents. Call them at 786-1030 if you have any questions. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"BETTY'S" - from Page 1...

Although Fredette recently received a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to store the building, the plan to save the historic structure fell through because there wasn't time enough to obtain a site plan detailing the specifics of how the building was to be stored.

In addition to the time constraints of complying with the conditions imposed by the ZBA for moving and relocating the building, Fredette said the cost was a factor in his decision to bow out of the project. Original estimates of \$40,000 in moving costs swelled to \$100,000 as the project progressed.

"Unfortunately, we're going to have to bow out of this as gracefully as possible," Fredette said. "It's time for Walgreen's to go ahead and we understand that."

Fredette said he felt "absolutely no bitterness" over the failed attempt to save the landmark. "We gave it our best shot," Fredette said.

Even though some of the restrictions attached to the ZBA's approval of a permit to store the building added to the overall cost of the relocation project, Fredette said the board had dealt fairly with him. "They dealt with us looking out for our best interest," Fredette said.

A member of both the Agawam Historical Commission and the Agawam Historical Association, Feeding Hills resident Richard Bellico worked doggedly with Town Planner Deborah Dachos for months searching out possible scenarios to save the historic building, but to no avail.

Expressing disappointment that the building couldn't be saved, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson praised the behind-the-scenes effort to save the building from destruction.

"Of course we're sad to see the building torn down," Johnson said. "I applaud the efforts of Rick Bellico and Debbie Dachos in trying to move the building. Unfortunately, they were not able to find someone with the means to make it happen. It's something we don't like to see happen."

Bellico explored the possibility of moving the building to a site on Main Street near the new fire headquarters where he and a business partner intended to use the building to house a general store.

Plans Not Feasible

When he was unable to purchase, rather than rent a site for the building, the plan fell apart, leading Bellico to search for other possible ways to preserve the landmark. But several plans, including moving the building to Storowton Village, to Riverside Park, or onto the site of a local furniture company, did not prove to be feasible; neither did a plan for the building to be moved for use as a private residence.



THE END OF AN ERA: The remains of Betty's Old Towne House after its demolition last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The building, which served as the home of Betty Bottaro's banquet hall for so many years, had been moved to the Walnut Street site from its original location at the site of the present Rocky's hardware store to save it from demolition by members of the Worden family, the original owners. Committed to local historical preservation, a Worden family member was an original trustee of the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Bellico said.

For local historians, the loss of the building has deeper ramifications for the fate of other historical homes should developers set their sights on similarly attractive building sites. Saving the building could have sent a message to developers that would have served as an example of what can be done to preserve the character of a neighborhood as in the case of preserving the Charles Wright House (now the home of Dunkin' Donuts at Feeding Hills Center), Bellico said.

For Bellico, as well as for other local historians determined to preserve as much of the town's colonial character as possible, the loss of the historical building underscores the necessity of moving ahead with the Historical Association's drive to preserve the old Elm Street fire station as an historical and fire museum to house the artifacts that will be lost if there is no place to store

and display them.

Protecting Heritage

"It's so important to have a museum so that every school student will have a place to learn about the history and background of our town so that they will want to protect their heritage," Bellico said.

Disappointed that the last remaining house in an historic area of town could not be salvaged, Bellico vows to go on fighting to preserve whatever is left of the town's historic buildings.

"Just because we lost Betty's, I will not give up," Bellico promised. "I will fight the next battle as hard as I fought this battle."

A vice president of Woronoco Savings Bank, Bellico is actively involved in historical preservation in Agawam, as well as in Westfield where his company is headquartered.

Anyone interested in joining either the town appointed Historical Commission, which works on identifying and preserving historic districts, or the Historical Association, which aims to raise awareness of the historical aspects of the town, can contact Bellico during working hours at Woronoco Savings Bank. The telephone number is 568-9141. Both civic groups are seeking new members.

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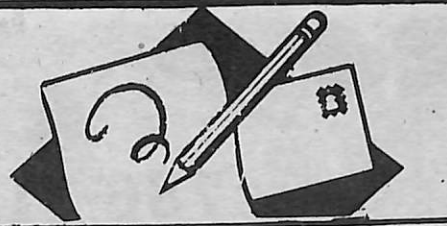
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Letters To The Editor

Bitzas Is Displeased With Both BP Opponents And The Plant

To The Editor:

Now that it seems that the power plant will be built in our town, I strongly continue to believe that our town will benefit greatly in many ways.

That was the only reason that I, and many others, supported the building of this clean, gas powered plant from the beginning. However, I cannot sit back and be silent any longer about things that have happened concerning this issue.

I would like to express my strong displeasure with the actions of both parties, the people who opposed the power plant and the power plant itself. I was very disturbed and unhappy when I read in the newspaper about not only the secret, but also the open deals and settlements between the power plant and a few vocal opponents and the CCBA members. I have also read in the newspapers about the large monetary settlements and inflated property sales. I was especially annoyed when I learned that a house belonging to one of the most outspoken opponents of the power plant was purchased by the power plant for double its value. This most outspoken opponent and critic has now fallen silent.

Now I read that the few remaining opponents and members of the CCBA, who passionately opposed and criticized everyone who disagreed with them, have sat down with officials of the power plant and have asked for \$6 million to settle and drop their opposition.

It seems to me that when it comes to money, all their previous fears and concerns about the power plant have evaporated and they are willing to make settlements that benefit only themselves.

It is unfortunate that those people who live and have businesses close to the power plant and still supported the power plant have gone unnoticed. They supported the project because of the benefits it would bring to ALL the people of Agawam. In the end, the people who opposed the plant were rewarded so that they would be silent.

The signal is very clear to all of us—it pays to be an opponent—the squeaky wheel gets the grease. These actions and the behavior of both parties have sent the wrong message to our citizens, our elected officials and our businesses. The power plant officials should not have even sat down with the opponents—throwing money around to quiet their opposition. The opponents, if they truly did believe in what they were preaching to the people, should never have sat down to negotiate highly awarded settlements. Making a \$6 million offer, as was reported in the newspaper, was unethical, whether it was serious or not.

I give much credit to those people who opposed the power plant for various reasons and I respect their opinions. I don't like and don't agree with the tactics of those who offered money and those who accepted money to stop their opposition. If

the power plant wants to settle, they must settle and reward all the people of Agawam, not the few vocal opponents. The plant can offer Agawam the best possible taxation and donations to our town organizations, charities, and youth organizations.

I supported the clean gas powered plant from the beginning. Like most of you, for the benefits it will bring to all of us. I believe and I hope that the power plant officials will keep their word and they will deliver what they have promised to the people of Agawam.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Agawam Town Councilor

Businessmen Deserve Praise For Attempt To Save "Betty's"

To The Editor:

Recently, an historical building was demolished. For some, it was a travesty. For two others, it was the end of a dream. They had a vision - they had guts - they never stood a chance!

To Mr. Fredette and Mr. Librera, I apologize. I wish you could have transferred "Betty's" to your property and created the artisans' gallery you so eagerly pursued. It wasn't until Walgreen's decided to bless us with its presence did I fully understand the emotion attached to that establishment.

You, sirs, put more heart and soul into preserving Betty's than most who proclaimed their attachment. You jumped right in and tried to right a wrong and you failed. You have my respect and sincere admiration for setting a goal - working against all odds - enduring every possible roadblock, only to realize you were doomed from the start.

I thank you both for caring about your community. I congratulate you for taking the initiative. I deeply regret your loss. No, make that **our** loss. Please don't lose faith. Agawam is a great place to live and work.

Just remember, the thorns are mighty but the roses are sweet.

Best wishes for continued success
at your floral shop.
Debra S. Curtis
Agawam

Agawam Family Offers Special Thanks To State Rep. Keenan

To The Editor:

My family and I wish to thank State Representative Dan Keenan for all he has done for us.

I met him personally through my daughter's Model Congress group when I accompanied them to the State House in Boston. He was wonderful with the children and very accommodating, taking the time out of his busy schedule to give us a tour and to answer the numerous questions presented to him.

This past fall, my son was in a car accident, thus beginning our problems with our insurance company. Feeling very frustrated, we asked Mr. Keenan to look into it for us in order to ensure we would be treated fairly.

He agreed without hesitation and generously advocated on our behalf, bringing the matter to a successful conclusion. He also alerted the insurance company of the previously undetected problem within its divisions.

Mr. Keenan acted fairly with all involved and handled the situation respectfully and professionally. We commend him for all he has done to help us through this difficult situation, and are overjoyed that he is our representative in Boston.

Winifred Siano
Agawam

Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Tuesday, Feb. 17th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 2/2/98
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-98-4-A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Security and Maintenance Addendum to the Memorandum Agreement for the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway Committee (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-98-1-(TO-98-8)-Application for Class II Dealer License, Route 147 Auto Inc., 704A Spfld. St., FH, MA (Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

(a)

1. TOR-97-13-(PH-92-20)-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam by adding Art. XIV entitled Personal Wireless Services Facilities, Towers & Repeaters (2nd Reading).

2. TOR-98-1-An Ordinance to Amend Section 49-7(8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam to Create the Position of Personnel Assistant (Mayor)(1st Reading)(Tabled on 2/2/98).

3. TO-98-9-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for Games and Lanes, Inc. - 360 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam, MA.

4. TO-98-10-Application for License for three (3) automatic amusement devices for Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post 185 - 478 Spfld. St., FH, MA.

5. TO-98-11-Transfer-\$15,000.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Forestry (16602-52001) (Mayor).

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"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

From the February 2nd Town Council meeting...

THREE REAPPOINTMENTS

The council was unanimous in approving three reappointments: **James L. Harkins** to the Housing Authority; **Gary P. Shannon** to the Golf Commission; and **Daniel C. Yorke** to the Golf Commission.

RIVER WALK & BIKEWAY RESOLUTION TABLED

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the security and maintenance of the Agawam portion of the proposed Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway was tabled until the next meeting so that Town Planner **Deborah Dachos** can provide the council with more information regarding the costs to the taxpayers.

Ms. Dachos indicated there was no urgency to act on the proposal last week. "I would prefer you table this tonight so that you can be more comfortable with the project. We need to advertise (for the construction) of the project before the spring or we will lose our million dollars in funding for this year," Ms. Dachos said.

Councilor **Dennis Perry** said he had questions regarding the cost of maintenance and security, and the liability of the town to pay for any damage to the bike path, especially the portion to be constructed within the 100-year floodplain along the river.

According to Ms. Dachos, the town plans to have an Adopt-A-Path Program with civic organizations and businesses volunteering to maintain the path, and the Police Department plans to use the bike patrol to provide security. The path has been designed as a low-maintenance project able to withstand the annual flooding along some parts of the river. Also, the pavement is not expected to require any maintenance for eight years.

JOHNSON'S REQUEST ALSO TABLED

Also put off until the next meeting was a request submitted by Mayor **Christopher C. Johnson** to create the confidential position of personnel assistant.

The request was tabled after Councilor **Edward Caba** suggested putting off taking any action.

"Not long ago, I received information that the office was working very well," Caba said.

Johnson said the creation of the position will not add to the number of people on the town's payroll because the person doing clerical work in the personnel office will be transferred to a vacant clerical position. Upgrading the clerical position in the personnel office from a union position to a confidential administrative position will cost between \$6,500 and \$7,000 a year, according to the supporting documentation sent to the council four weeks ago.

Johnson said he has already reached an agreement with the Clerical Union (A.F.S.M.E. Local 3660) to make the position a confidential position, thereby removing it from the clerical bargaining unit.

The proposed new position will include training and education requirements to attract candidates who are qualified to perform routine employee insurance benefits administration and auditing; assist the personnel officer in designing and implementing routine and specialized training programs; assist with employment recruiting and applicant screening under the civil service and labor service guidelines; and handle confidential personnel matters to avoid potential liability in employment-related matters.

"The number one source of liability to the town is personnel-related issues. We want to deal with personnel issues in the most professional and efficient way possible," Johnson said. "Our Personnel Officer (**Sandra MacFadyen**) does a fantastic job. But, she is only one person and can only do so much."

Johnson said the town needs another human resource professional to assist with confidential personnel information, personal medical and psychological records, employee disciplinary records, and to assist with preparing data and proposals used in the collective bargaining process with the unions.

"There will be a little added cost, but it's a

small price to pay," Johnson said.

\$50,000 TRANSFER APPROVED

The council unanimously approved the transfer of \$50,000 from the Municipal Golf Course revenue surplus fund to the town's stabilization fund as the second of three installments repaying the town for the loan of \$150,000 in start-up capital in 1994.

Early next year, Mayor **Christopher C. Johnson** plans to repay another \$50,000 to the town and appropriate the additional funds needed to complete the clubhouse renovations, which are currently running over original estimates. Still working on the estimates, Johnson said he was unsure of what the final cost would be. So far, \$160,000 has been appropriated from the golf course revenue surplus to renovate the clubhouse.

Clubhouse renovations include rebuilding the entire second floor, adding a deck, installing all-new heating/air conditioning systems, as well as new electrical wiring and plumbing, roofing, siding, and sidewalks. Two additions have been built for storage, an upstairs bathroom, and a kitchen.

The Municipal Golf Course is fully self-sustaining with no reliance on the general fund or the taxpayers of Agawam for its operation, Johnson said.

For the fourth consecutive year, the course closed the fiscal year with surplus revenue. Since the town purchased the golf course, the operation has earned surplus revenue totaling \$416,396.56.

For fiscal year 1997 (July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997), each of the four major areas of operation made more money than last year. Golf fees were up \$37,909; cart rentals went up \$33,661; pro shop sales increased \$4,277; and food and beverage sales increased \$19,497. The increase in revenue resulted from an increase of 7,800 rounds of play.

Johnson credited better weather, improving course conditions, and aggressive marketing for the increased number of rounds played over the previous year.

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Congressman Neal Meets With Fidel Castro



DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO CUBA, Congressman Richard E. Neal (right) met with Cuban President Fidel Castro and presented him with a baseball glove made at Spalding Sports Worldwide in Chicopee. The Congressman traveled to Cuba at the invitation of Cardinal Bernard Law to witness the historic visit of Pope John II with Bishop Thomas Dupre of Springfield and Bishop Daniel Reilly of Worcester. In addition to meeting with Castro and other Cuban officials to talk about the U.S. embargo, Neal attended the Papal Mass in Revolutionary Square.

Melconian And Senate Take Initiative To "Get The Lead Out"

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that the Massachusetts Senate passed legislation recently directing \$1.3 million to the state's Get the Lead Out program. This is a low-interest loan program administered by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), enabling low- and moderate-income homeowners to comply with lead paint abatement regulations.

"After numerous calls to my district office, I realized how very important it was for the Senate to increase the allocation to the Get the Lead Out program by \$1.3 million," Melconian said. "This is a valuable program to many W Massachusetts families who have applied for the program and are awaiting assistance from the state in de-leading their homes."

Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham said, "The funds will help make it more affordable for homeowners to reduce the highly dangerous, wholly preventable effects of lead poisoning."

"The aggressive effort to get the word out on the Get the Lead Out program has been very successful," said MHFA Executive Director Steven Pierce. "MHFA, the Department of Public Health, and legislators like Senate President Birmingham, who has taken a lead role on this issue, worked hard to refine this program and focus public attention on it. Through news conferences and in other ways, people have been made aware of this important resource in the battle to protect children from lead point poisoning. The effort to get people to use the program has been so successful that we temporarily exhausted the funding that was available for loans this year."

The 1993 legislation called for a yearly appropriation of \$4.5 million to fund the loan program. This year's allocation has been committed and, without an infusion of new funds, no more applications will be processed.

Last year, only \$3.2 million of the \$4.5 million appropriation was allocated prior to the conclusion of the fiscal year. The Senate's supplemental budget recommendation restores the \$1.3 million, which went unexpended but which is clearly in demand by those grappling with state regulations and financial pressures.

"The Get the Lead Out program helps thousands of families protect their children from the dangers of lead poisoning. Our supplemental budget recommendation now goes before the House, where I am hopeful it, too, will be approved," Melconian concluded.



U.S. Attorney General JANET RENO (left) and U.S. Probation Officer PAMELA LOMBARDINI.

Pamela Lombardini Is Honored By Atty. General Janet Reno

On December 17, 1997, former Agawam resident Pamela Lombardini was among 12 individuals honored by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno in a Washington D.C. ceremony. Pam is one of seven members of the U.S. Attorney's Judgment Enforcement Team (JET) who received the 1997 National Crimes Victims Award for their efforts.

JET is a team made up of four representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office, a Deputy U.S. Marshall, a U.S. Probation Officer, and a Special Agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who (through combined efforts) have proved to be successful in uncovering hidden assets.

The team's efforts resulted in a recovery of approximately \$37 million, which was then turned over to the Department of Justice's Crime Victim Fund and distributed nationwide to programs that provide services to crime victims.

Pam is the daughter of Amelia Lombardini and the late Paul Lombardini of Agawam. She is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College, and presently resides on the North Shore.

Pam is employed as a U.S. Probation Officer in Boston and Lawrence.

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A "Baseline" Of Information

Ameruso said the test results should be used as a "baseline" of information for judging future performance because the tests comprising the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System are brand new and their validity has yet to be proven (and because the new curriculum, designed to fit the state frameworks, is too new to be properly measured).

"I need to inform you that Agawam is in position to achieve well, but the application of our program efforts needs time to take effect just as any regimen of treatment does," Ameruso said. "There is no doubt in my mind that our massive efforts in curriculum and instruction and professional development will yield positive results of which we will be extremely proud."

The systemic change aimed at restructuring the educational organization to bring about improved student achievement is well underway and decisions which impact the organization need to be based on data rather than on perceptions. "This operating rule will be a significant difference in

the effect our decisions make in the life of student achievement," Ameruso said.

Ameruso said the transformation of the educational program is progressing with a new curriculum that is three-quarters complete, the expenditure of over a half million dollars on textbooks and materials, and ongoing professional development.

Fulfilled Promises

Among the promises made last year and fulfilled over the course of the year, Ameruso counted:

- new graduation standards for the high school;
- a completely revised program of studies for the high school;
- a reading recovery program at the elementary level to save students from years of remediation;
- the Instructional Support Team program for students who need extra help, but who haven't been identified as "special needs" students; and
- an intergenerational program linking the High School and the Senior Center in a week of activities revolving around World War II.

In technology, Ameruso said the School Department is filling the "computer void" that existed prior to 1996 and the network system at the Middle School, Junior High, and High School is

being enhanced every day. When the High School addition is completed, the school will have 250 computers in place.

The schools are on the verge of Internet accessibility and in September, the library/media centers at the elementary schools will be open, according to Ameruso.

"Classroom learning will have a new dimension in the form of computer instructional software to support and enhance the curriculum," Ameruso said.

Substantial Progress

In terms of fulfilling the Ed Reform mandates for site-based management in the schools, Ameruso notes substantial progress has been made in shaping the policies and programs of the schools by the School Councils and the administrative leadership of the School Department.

"The clearest piece of evidence which I can present is the clear and focused formulation of the School Improvement Plans," Ameruso said.

Besides reflecting shared decision-making at its best, the goals, objectives, and actions plans presented in the School Improvements Plans show a growth of understanding and sophistication that was virtually nonexistent a few years ago, Ameruso said.

State Representative Keenan Says Education Reform Is Moving Forward

Assessment Tests To Be Administered In The Spring

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan reports that the state and the Legislature are continuing to support and implement the Education Reform Act of 1993. Under the Education Reform Act of 1993, Massachusetts entered a seven-year commitment to improving education in Massachusetts.

As the centerpiece of education reform, the first curriculum-based Massachusetts tests (MCAS) will be administered in the spring of 1998 to all fourth, eighth, and 10th graders in the state. For the first time, scores on the tests will be reported to individual students; moreover, begin-

ing with the class of 2003, students will have to pass the 10th grade test in order to graduate.

"The 1998 test results are a starting point," stated Keenan. "These tests are a tool for supporting more effective teaching and learning."

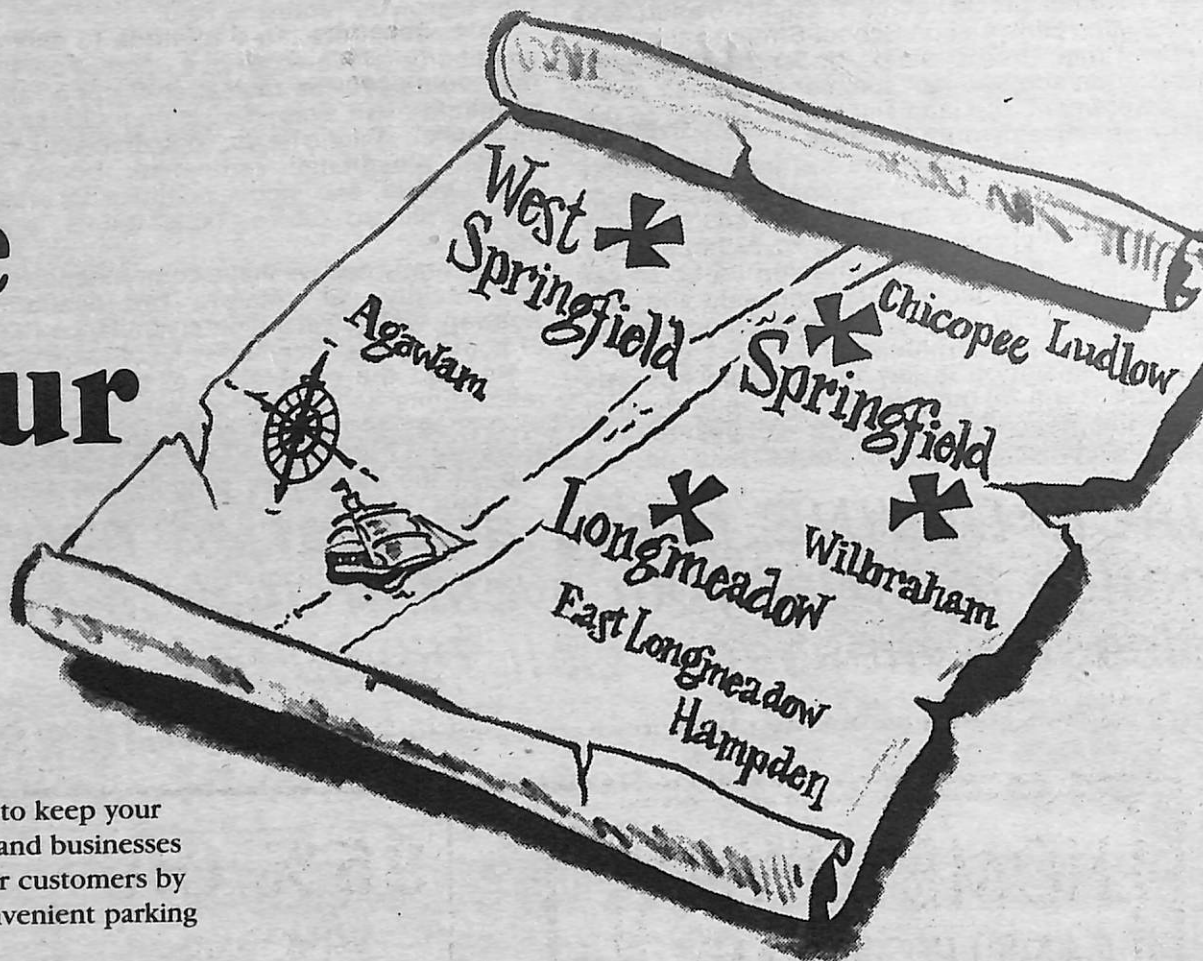
Based on the experience in other states, the Legislature is aware that early failure rates will be high, as teachers and students adjust to new material, methods, and the tests themselves. "Success depends on staying focused on the goal. The initial steps may be difficult, but the end result will be worth the time and effort," Keenan said.

The 1998 test results will allow progress of students and teachers to be tracked. For the first time, teachers will now have state testing information to improve their instruction for students of all abilities. In three years (spring 2001), 10th graders will have to pass these tests in order to graduate two years later. If they do not pass, they can try again in 11th and 12th grade.

"The real work of improving student achievement will happen with a combined effort of local leaders, school officials, the community, and most importantly, the parents," Keenan concluded.

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State Of The City Address...

Johnson Says Successful Implentation Of Capital Improvement Plan Will Lead Town Into The Future

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In his state of the city address on Monday evening, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson identified the cornerstone of his administration's plan to lead the town into the next millennium as the successful implementation of his capital improvement plan.

Johnson said renewal of the town's capital infrastructure is critical to providing the effective municipal services necessary to maintain a high quality of life.

"Over the past five years, the town has aggressively begun to tackle capital improvement needs, which for the most part remained neglected during nearly two decades of the town manager form of government," Johnson said.

Other highlights of the Mayor's plan for the upcoming year include a plan for creating a new industrial park in Feeding Hills; a proposed three-part joint initiative with the Town Council to address zoning revision, and an increase in sewer rates to pay for a federally-mandated overhaul of combined sewer/storm drains.

Town's Finances Continue To Improve

Johnson said the town's finances have continued to improve with no increase in taxes in the last two years and that Agawam is one of a handful of towns never to have sought to override Proposition 2½. Besides having one of the lowest average single-family tax bills in the area, the town has one of the lowest (per capita) operating budgets in the state, according to the Mayor.

Johnson said the town has been able to move forward on capital improvements by attracting the quality economic development that leads to job creation and expansion of the tax base.

In the last five years, the Agawam Regional Industrial Park has attracted 15 new businesses, he noted. But, with only two or three sites left in the Industrial Park, the town needs to develop another industrial park for continued economic growth, Johnson said.

The end of county government this summer could provide the land needed for a new industrial park.

Johnson said he has been working with State Senator Linda Melconian and State Representative Daniel Keenan on a bill that would transfer ownership of the 300 acres of county-owned land in Feeding Hills and on School Street to the town rather than to the state. Under the terms of legislation adopted last summer to abolish county government, the land will be transferred to the state effective on July 1st, 1998.

Melconian and Keenan are drafting a bill calling for the creation of a new regional industrial park on the Feeding Hills land and the transfer of the School Street property to the town. Although they know they are faced with an uphill battle to get the legislation enacted, Johnson said the prospect of the state owning and controlling the property in Agawam "frightens us all."

"This legislation is key for Agawam not only because it will fill our need for another industrial park, but more importantly, it will insure that Agawam controls the destiny of the land, not the

Commonwealth," Johnson said.

Need For Zoning Review

Johnson plans to ask Town Council for a commitment to review and revise the town's entire zoning code. Noting that many current types of development, including cell towers and drive-thru businesses, were unknown when most of the town's zoning ordinances were written 30 to 40 years ago, Johnson said the town needs to review and revise the entire zoning code "to reflect the goals and objectives of our community today and not continue with values and judgments which are now outdated."

Johnson outlined his plan to seek Town Council cooperation on a three-part joint initiative on zoning to

- Prepare a more accurate and detailed zoning map to replace the outdated map;

- Work with residents, local businesses, and community leaders to prepare a new Master Plan with the help of a strategic planning consultant to replace the 1976 plan;

- Work with residents, local businesses, and community leaders to review and revise the zoning code with the help of a zoning revision consultant.

"Agawam needs to reexamine its land use goals and objectives to insure that the quality of life we all enjoy will continue for future generations," Johnson said.

The number one priority for the community in terms of capital improvements is the acquisition of land and design of a new public works facility in 1998, according to the Mayor.

"The time has come to end the temporary location of the DPW garage on Main Street which began some 26 or 27 years ago," Johnson said. "Agawam needs a public works facility which is designed to meet the needs of our community today and 50 years into the future."

Recreation and athletic facilities came next on Johnson's list for capital improvement areas needing attention.

"I plan to immediately name a study committee comprised of seven to nine residents to work with Recreation Director Mary Keller to explore current options for expansion, and to look for sites for future growth," Johnson said.

Johnson wants the committee to examine the possibility of developing a recreational facility that would provide recreational opportunities to residents of all ages. His vision includes outdoor spaces for athletic fields, volleyball courts, tennis courts, playground equipment, bocce courts, shuffleboard, and indoor facilities for basketball courts, billiard tables, table tennis, and craft areas.

"I strongly believe that a comprehensive recreation facility will improve the desirability of Agawam which will ultimately enhance the values of homes in our community," Johnson said.

He said the completion of the additions and renovations at the four elementary schools and at AHS in 1998 will bring the largest capital improvement project in the town's history to an end. At the elementary schools, the addition of

library/media centers, added classroom space, and renovations to the existing buildings are expected to extend the useful life of the town's elementary schools well into the next century.

When completed, the building project at the High School will give the school an aesthetically pleasing facade as well as an 18-room classroom addition and an addition that will nearly double the size of the kitchen and cafeteria areas.

Program of Systemic Change

Johnson said the "infrastructure" of the school system is being replaced in a program of systemic change which is expected to improve student learning and prepare students to compete in a global economy by rewriting the curriculum from kindergarten through high school.

"The School Committee and (Superintendent of Schools) Dr. Ameruso have provided the leadership and committed the necessary resources to not only rewrite the curriculum, but to see its successful implementation through the purchase of new textbooks and materials and the professional development of the teachers," Johnson said.

Also moving forward is the plan to triple the size of the existing Public Library. Later this year, Johnson will approach Town Council with a funding request to complete the design process and prepare construction drawings for the library expansion.

"The town has made application for state grant funding which will fund over one-third of the cost of the expansion. Our plans have been approved by the state and we are currently on the list awaiting funding," Johnson said.

Other projects on tap for this year include upgrading South, Adams, Leonard, upper Cooper, and Walnut Streets; launching a major sidewalk repair program; adding a kitchen storage building to the Senior Center; beginning the process to replace the Fire Department's 1969 ladder truck with a new aerial platform truck, and the beginning of a sewer overhaul project to prevent waste water overflows into the Westfield River.

Mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to eliminate wet weather overflows into the Westfield River, the combined sewer/storm drain elimination project carries a \$3.1 million price tag that will cause an increase in sewer rates, Johnson said.

State projects scheduled to begin construction this year include the Veterans' Cemetery and the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway. The final design stage is underway for the completion of Phase II of Route 57 and the design process is beginning for the reconstruction of Route 187 from Feeding Hills Center to the Westfield line.

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Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter For February 2nd-7th

On February 2, 1998, **Daniel J. Kelly** of 232 Rowley Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol (2nd offense), failure to stop for a red lens, and failure to stay within marked lanes. Arresting officer was Richard Riccio.

On February 2, 1998, **Michael J. Thompson** of 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Stanley Chmielewski.

On February 3, 1998, **William C. Parr, Jr.** of 20 Maple Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery. Arresting officer was Mark Ceccarini.

On February 5, 1998, **Marcus F. Trinchini** of 550 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Arresting officer was Ronald J. Brown.

On February 5, 1998, **Alan J. Kinsley** of 104 Raymond Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with trespassing and possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officer was Det. Mark Pfau.

On February 5, 1998, **Erik J. Schlagel** of 25 Williams Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with trespassing and possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officer was Mark Pfau.

On February 6, 1998, **Scott A. Morris** of 194 Silver Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and narcotic drug violations. Arresting officer was Donald Gallerani.

On February 6, 1998, **Jeffrey M. Gosselin** of 127 Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with threat to commit murder, assault & battery, wanton destruction of property over \$250, attempted escape from police custody, home invasion, breaking & entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony, assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault & battery with intent to collect a loan. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On February 7, 1998, **Parisa K. Freshman** of 72 Salisbury Street, Worcester, was arrested and charged with obstruction of an emergency vehicle and unlicensed operation of a M.V. Arresting officer was Stanley Chmielewski.

On February 7, 1998, **Carolyn Vanossenbruggen** of 383 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants. Arresting officer was Mark Poggi.

On February 7, 1998, **Kimberlee A. Matt** of 420 Main Street, No. 53, Agawam, was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property over \$250. Arresting officer was Mark Poggi.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Constantino Christy

Constantino ("Gus") Christy, 66, of Royalton Street, Chicopee, the 30-year owner and operator of Christy's Auto Body Shop in Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked in the autobody department of Springfield Lincoln-Mercury for the past five years. Born in Springfield, he moved to Chicopee in 1967.

He was graduated from Springfield Technical High School in 1948, was a communicant of St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield, and belonged to the Marconi Club, also in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Alice E. Nizinski; a son, James of Springfield; a daughter, Cynthia Christy of Chicopee; his mother, Nikoleta (Foutrakos) Christy of Springfield; a brother, Theoclitos of Springfield; a sister, Helen Kastarakis of Springfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the cathedral, and Sampson's Liberty Street Funeral Home in Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or the cathedral at 8 Plainfield Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Francis B. Cavanaugh

Francis B. Cavanaugh, 86, of 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was the superintendent of custodians at the Hampden County Courthouse for 25 years, and retired in 1975.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of that city's Cathedral High School, and a communicant of the Holy Name Church.

He was a long-time resident of Springfield before moving to Agawam recently.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, Eleanor M. Collins; a son, Bernard M. of East Longmeadow; a daughter, Eileen C. Bryson of West Springfield; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 323 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

Robert D. LaVenture

Robert D. LaVenture, 70, of 99 Moore Street, Agawam, a former head brakeman for Conrail Railroad, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He retired in 1987 after 40 years of service. Born and educated in Springfield, he lived there for 40 years before moving to Agawam three years ago.

He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church and a member of American Legion Post 185.

His wife, the former Theresa M. Fischer, died in 1994.

He leaves a son, Mark R. of Springfield; three daughters, Maureen C. Groueten of Broad Brook,

CT, Ann Marie Cadieux of Agawam, and Mary R. Mercieri of East Longmeadow; two sisters, Mary Pisano of Feeding Hills and Helen Jackman of Greenfield; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with services in the church and burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or to the American Diabetes Foundation, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

David J. Alvigini

David J. Alvigini, 52, of Gill, died in a local nursing home.

He was a 26-year special services manager for Bell Atlantic Telephone Co. in Springfield.

Born in Springfield and schooled in Agawam, he moved to Gill six years ago.

He was graduated from Agawam High School in 1963, and attended college in San Diego, California.

He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

He leaves his wife, the former Diane Czupryna; a son, Frank Czupryna of Knoxville, Tennessee; a daughter, Kerri Ann Alvigini of Chicopee; his parents, Henry and Rose (Marty) Alvigini of Agawam; two sisters, Lynda Carroll of West Springfield and Mary Forcier of Belchertown; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, with private burial.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102.

M. Rita Ryan

M. Rita (Sheehan) Ryan, 82, of Agawam, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Thompsonville, Enfield, CT, she lived in Agawam most of her life.

Her husband, Raymond Ryan, died in 1966.

She leaves two sons, Michael of Clinton, and Jim of East Longmeadow; two daughters, Terry VanWagner of Sparr, Florida, and Anne Partyka of West Springfield; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The body has been donated to the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester.

A memorial service was held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Rachel C. Mack

Rachel C. (Jellyman) Mack, 83, died at an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Montpelier, Vermont, she moved to Greenfield in 1928, to Brattleboro, Vermont, in 1932, and back to Greenfield in 1939.

She attended the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1935.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Greenfield, and worked in the Junior Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Thrift Shop in Greenfield.

She leaves a son, David L. of Easthampton; a daughter, Susan J. McDonald of Greenfield; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Green River Cemetery in Greenfield. Walker Funeral Home of Greenfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102.

Joseph J. Dravecky

Joseph J. Dravecky, 77, of 27b Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a long-time truck driver, and retired in 1986 from Werner Continental Co. in Connecticut.

Born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, he lived in East Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 671.

His wife, Patricia (Anyon) Dravecky, died in 1993.

He leaves a son, Michael J. of Moravia, New York; a daughter, Joanne Krupa of Westfield; three sisters, Marge Fisher and Wilma Ruditis of Ironwood, Michigan, and Veronica McMahon of Chicago, Illinois; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9a, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Walter C. Goss, Jr.

Walter C. Goss, Jr., 80, of 382 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a 47-year employee of Smith & Wesson Corp., died at home.

He retired as a foreman in 1981.

Born in Feeding Hills, he lived in the town for 47 years, and was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church.

His wife, Mildred (Roche), died in 1994.

He leaves two daughters, Susan Pezzimenti and Janice Goss of Feeding Hills; a brother, Everett of Enfield; two sisters, Ada Joslyn of Florida and Margaret Cahill of Meriden, Connecticut; three grandsons; and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106-1210.

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Irene L. Misischia

Irene L. (McCarthy) Misischia, 68, of 144 Shea Avenue, Belchertown, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was the long-time bookkeeper at Misischia Construction Co.

Born in Springfield, she was a long-time resident of Agawam, and lived in Westfield before moving to Belchertown seven years ago.

Her husband, Pasquale A. Misischia, died in 1990.

She leaves four sons, Michael J. and Pasquale A. Jr. of Belchertown, Thomas A. of West Springfield, and Joseph A. of Agawam; her step-mother, Carmela McCarthy of Clearwater, Florida; a brother, Donald McCarthy of Otis; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at St. John the Evangelist Church, with the burial in Center Cemetery, both in Agawam. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Angeline V. Bauer

Angeline V. (Panagotopoulos) Bauer, 78, of 22 Ambrose Street, Chicopee, a retired employee of Dielectrics, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she was a long-time resident of Chicopee.

She was a member and volunteer at the Senior Center in Chicopee.

Her husband, Frank W. Bauer, Sr., died in 1983.

She leaves her two sons, Frank W. Jr. of Longmeadow, and John P. of Ludlow; three sisters, Stella Despotopoulos of Stoughton, Effie Kalambatsos of Brockton, and Susan Gray of Chicopee; a grandson; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Tylanis Funeral Home and St. Constantine and St. Helen Church, with the burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the Senior Center, 7 Valley View Court, Chicopee, MA 01020.

Pamela E. Ferranti

Pamela E. (Bertrand) Ferranti, 84, of 23 Dover Street, Agawam, a 10-year clerk in the Tax Collector's Office at Agawam Town Hall, died at a local nursing home.

She retired in 1974.

Born in Boston, she lived in Springfield and West Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1955.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

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Her husband, Frank R., died in 1994.
She leaves two sons, Richard of West Hartford, Connecticut, and John of Southampton; a daughter, Joan D'Amato of Rockville, Maryland; a sister, Janet Scannell of Agawam; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with a Mass in the church and burial at St. Thomas Cemetery of West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease of Western Massachusetts, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

Howard R. Nardi

Howard R. Nardi, 53, of 177 Commonwealth Avenue, Springfield, died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Leeds, Northampton.

He was an auto mechanic for several local businesses and most recently worked at Flynn's Auto Sales.

He grew up in Agawam and was a 1962 graduate of Agawam High School. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

He leaves two daughters, Kim Pirnie of Springfield and Tammy Martin of Agawam; his parents, Armondo and Mildred (Peterman) Nardi of Feeding Hills; three brothers, Robert of Rhode Island, Norman of Florida, and Gary of Agawam; four sisters, Linda Charest of Springfield, Claire Parkman of Feeding Hills, and Florence Nardi and Diane Steinberg, both of Agawam; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Fuel Assistance Info & Applications At Agawam Senior Center

Information and applications are available at the Agawam Senior Center for those individuals qualifying for fuel assistance. Please look at the income guidelines to determine if you may be eligible.

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2. A copy of your latest heating bill (*make sure it has your name and address on it*).

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Pharmacy Program For Senior Citizens

Applications for the Senior Pharmacy Program are available at the Agawam Senior Center.

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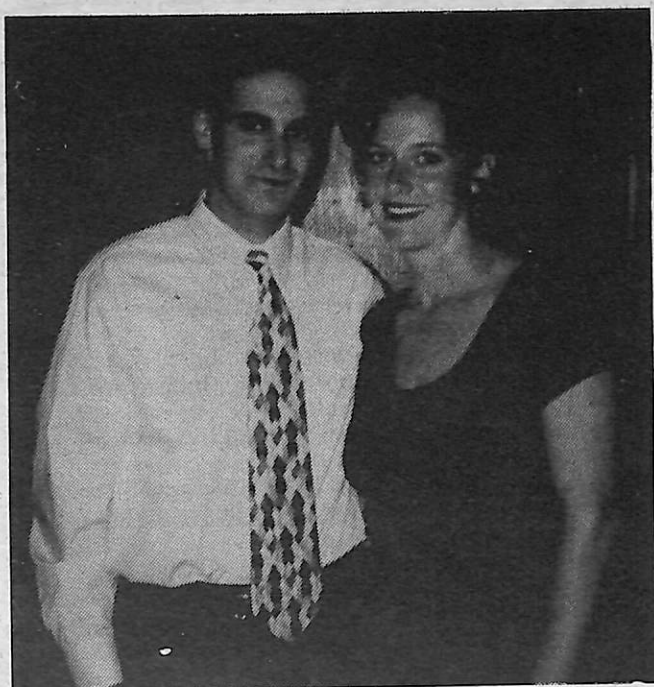
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Families



SARAH E. FOGG AND DAVID J. MATARESE

Sarah E. Fogg Is Engaged To Wed David J. Matarese

Mr. & Mrs. George Fogg of Kennebunk, Maine, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah E. Fogg, to David J. Matarese, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Matarese of North Haven, Connecticut.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marine Biology from The University of Rhode Island. She is currently enrolled in the Marine Biology Master's Degree program at The University of Rhode Island.

The groom-to-be is a 1991 graduate of North Haven High School. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Fairfield University. He is an Accountant for The Client Company in East Providence, Rhode Island.

A June 6, 1998 wedding date has been set.

Spiritual Alliance Plans Psychic Fair At Capt. Leonard House

The National Spiritual Alliance, headquartered in Lake Pleasant, Massachusetts, has been helping those seeking a spiritual path since 1913.

As a part of their ongoing program of community outreach and education, the Alliance will sponsor a Psychic Fair at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, on Saturday, February 28th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The National Spiritual Alliance sponsors a number of events throughout the year, in addition to holding regular weekly worship services, healing circles, and psychic development classes at G. Tabor Thompson Temple in Lake Pleasant and at locations throughout the Northeast.

For further information on this event or other programs of The National Spiritual Alliance, please contact Ralph at (413) 586-4169.

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Springfield Turnverein To Present "Dr. Seuss's Springfield"

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, located at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills, will present a lecture and slide presentation entitled "Dr. Seuss's Springfield" on Sunday, February 15th, at 2:30 p.m. This special program will answer the often-asked question as to what Dr. Seuss's (Ted Geisel) connection to Springfield was.

His grandfather came from Germany in 1850 and was one of the incorporators of the STV in 1888.

This presentation identifies the continuing influence Springfield had on his life, his art, and his stories. Theodor Geisel's German-American heritage and his life in the ethnically-diverse Springfield community play a significant role in this important story.

Mr. Joseph Carvalho, President of the Springfield Library & Museum Association, will offer this presentation. He has been with the Association since 1976 and has served in many capacities, including supervisor of the local History and Genealogy Department of the Springfield Library, Director of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, and Director of Security for the Association.

Friends are cordially invited to attend this entertaining afternoon. Refreshments will follow the program and give everyone a chance to meet Mr. Carvalho.

Staff Sgt. John F. Favreau Graduates From Utilities Course

Air National Guard Staff Sgt. John P. Favreau has graduated from the utilities systems apprenticeship course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Students studied water and waste treatment processes to operate and maintain treatment systems. Included in the training were basic mathematics, biology, physics, chemistry, and environmental support.

Favreau is the son of Pauline G. Most of 121 Corey Colonial, Agawam, and Paul H. Favreau of 85 Robinson Road, West Springfield.

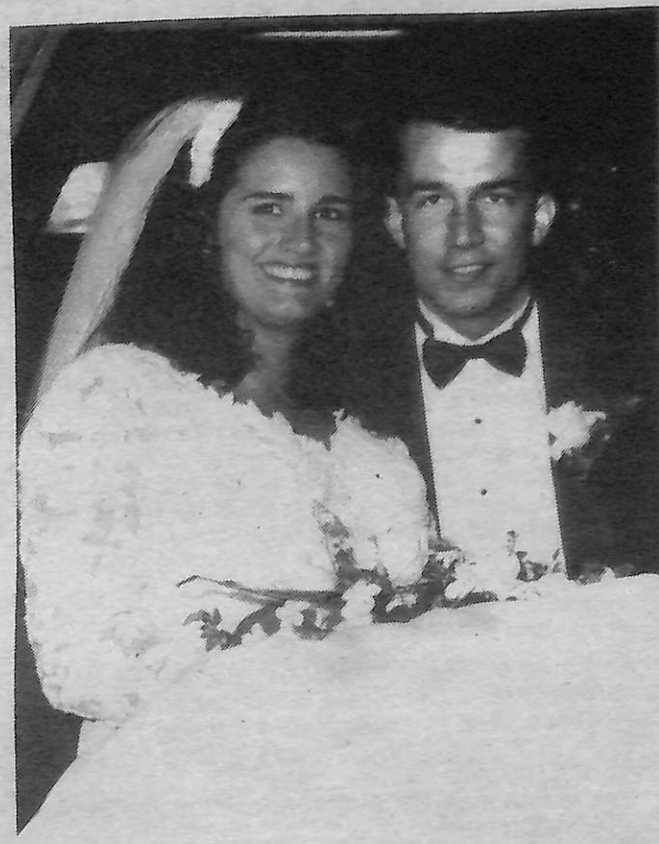
He graduated in 1979 from West Springfield High School, and received an associate degree in 1988 from Springfield Technical Community College.

Spfld. Italian Women's Club To Meet February 17th

The February 17th meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at the Monte Carlo Restaurant, 1020 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. Dinner will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings are open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

For more information, call (413) 782-0757 or (413) 781-1183.



MR. & MRS. BRYAN K. BOUTWELL

Gina M. Serra Becomes Bride Of Bryan K. Boutwell

Gina M. Serra, daughter of Judith & Arthur Serra of Pineview Circle, Agawam, became the bride of Bryan K. Boutwell on October 25, 1997. The parents of the groom are Jeanne & James Kopcinski of Stanley Place, Agawam.

The wedding ceremony took place at the Agawam Congregational Church, with Rev. Curt Fuller officiating. The matron of honor was Joanna Ingalls. The bridesmaids were Lisa Magnacca, Michelle Kopcinski, Gina Humphries, and Marianne Zwicklbauer. The flower girl was Chelsea Boutwell.

The best man was Chad Blackak. The ushers were John Serra, David Boutwell, Rick Parolo, and Aaron Vanderhoof. Ring bearer was Tyler Serra.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School, the University of Vermont, UMass Medical School, and Baylor College of Medicine. She is currently a pediatrician with the South Shore Medical Center in Norwell, MA.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and received his Industrial Engineering Degree from Western New England College. He is employed as a quality engineer for Lista International of Holliston, MA.

Following a reception at Oak Ridge Country Club, the couple travelled to Disney World, Florida.

The couple currently resides in Hingham, MA.



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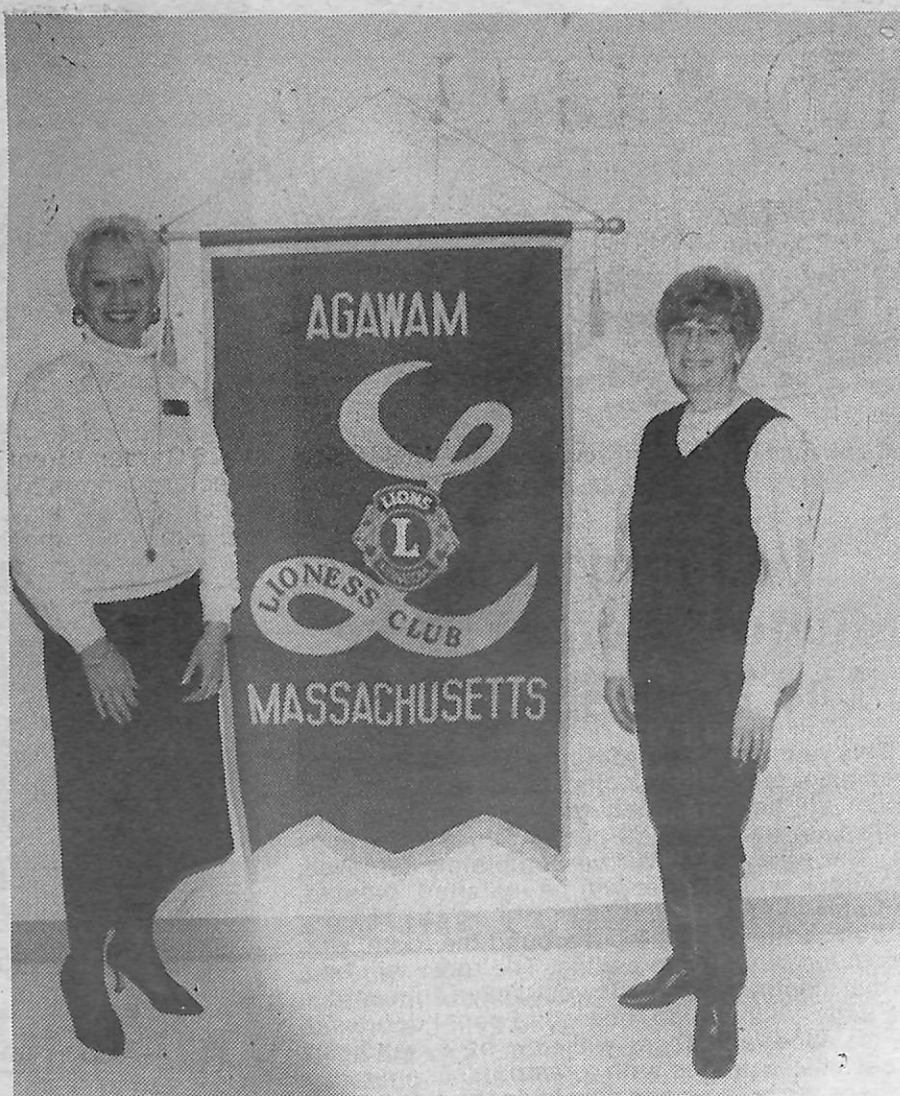
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OFFICERS OF THE Agawam Lioness Club (from left to right): Marianne Campbell, President; Janet Gallerani, First Vice-President; Alice Olson, Ways & Means; and Pat Lalancette, Treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EILEEN EAGAN (far right), Co-President of the Agawam Lioness Club, with guests Hal Martin, District Governor of Lions' District 33Y, and Pam Hodgekins, Cabinet Secretary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB MEMBERS Marcia Finck and Peggy Lepper at the club's recently held meeting at Maria's on Silver Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Lioness Club Holds February Meeting At Maria's

The Agawam Lioness Club held its February meeting at Maria's on Silver Street.

The guests for the evening were Hal Martin, District Governor of Lions' District 33Y, and Pam Hodgekins, Cabinet Secretary. Mr. Martin informed the group that Chuck Kostro is the new International Director.

During the meeting, Mr. Martin also inducted Shirley Neveu into the Agawam Lioness Club.

In December, the Lioness Club donated \$500 to the new cancer center and \$500 to the R U O K, the new system that was established by the Agawam Police Department for seniors who are homebound.

At the Midwinter Conference of District 33Y in January, the following donations were made:

Clarke School for the Deaf - \$300; Emergency Sight & Hearing - \$200; Journey For Sight - \$200; L.C.I.F. - \$100; Lions' Orthopedic Clinic - \$300; and Massachusetts Lions' Research - \$1,000.

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Wainscoting will be put around the room, with crown molding at the ceiling. The room will be a formal meeting room as it would have appeared in the early 1800's. Also, new solid panel doors will be installed, and there will now be a handicap-accessible entrance with a ramp.

Plans are being made now to do the work during the summer months. Materials are being researched and purchased so that the new room will be as authentic as possible.

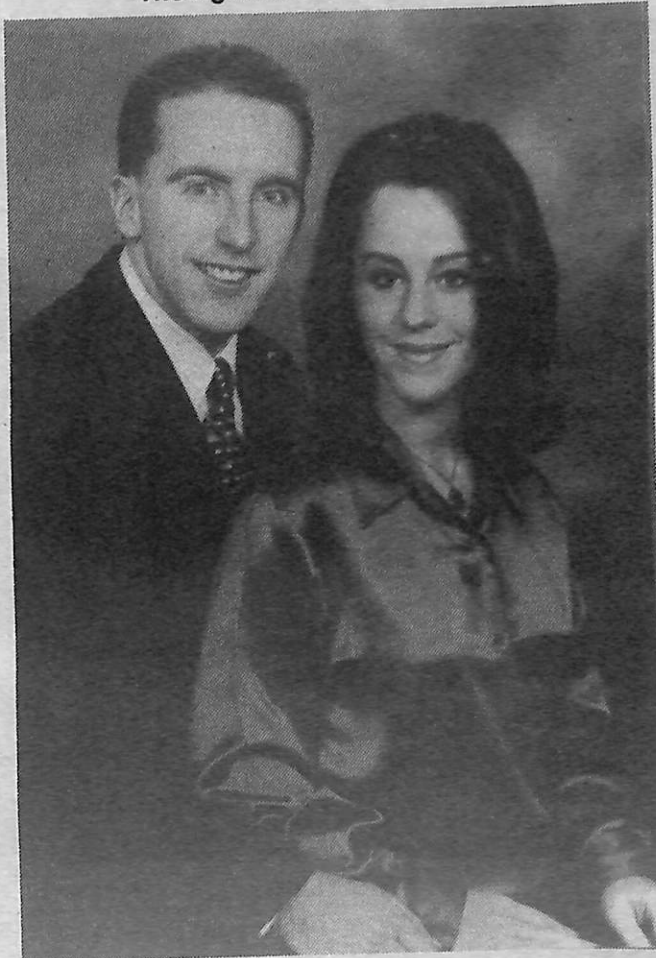
The Captain Charles Leonard House is a fine example of a spacious Georgian home. This two-story structure was built by Captain Charles Leonard in 1805, and it is believed to have been designed by the famed local architect, Benjamin Asher.

In 1938, Mrs. Minerva Davis purchased the house and restored it to its present state, and then deeded it to a Board of Trustees.

The trustees undertake at least one major project a year to keep the house in good condition. The upkeep is financed by donations, rents, and the annual "Friends Campaign."

The Board invites all residents, social groups, and businesses to become a "Friend of the Captain Charles Leonard House" by giving a gift in any amount, large or small. Donors' names will be recorded in the "Friends" book, kept in the front hallway of the Leonard House for all to see.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.



MICHELLE ALLARD & CHRISTOPHER JARVIS

Michelle L. Allard & Christopher C. Jarvis Announce Engagement

Mrs. Cheryl Mitchell of North Conway, New Hampshire is pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of her daughter, Michelle L. Allard, to Christopher C. Jarvis, the son of Derek and Nancy Jarvis of Feeding Hills. The father of the future bride is Jeffrey E. Allard, Sr. of Somersworth, New Hampshire.

Michelle graduated from Dover High School in New Hampshire, attended Broward Community College in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and plans to attend the University of Massachusetts to pursue a bachelor's degree in child psychology. She is currently employed by BankBoston as a Sales and Service Associate in East Longmeadow.

Chris graduated from Agawam High School, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a bachelor's degree in history and political science, and is currently attending the University of Connecticut for a master's degree in Business Administration. He is a mutual fund accountant for Aeltus Investments in Hartford.

A May 1998 wedding is planned in Springfield.



DAWN M. CROSS & MATTHEW D. BEGBIE

Dawn M. Cross Is Engaged To Wed Matthew D. Begbie

Dawn M. Cross of Agawam and Matthew D. Begbie of West Springfield have announced that they will be united in matrimony on October 3, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in Agawam.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Roberta LaPlante of Holyoke and Richard Cross of Agawam. She is a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College, with an associate of science degree in nuclear medicine technology. She is currently attending Our Lady of the Elms College for her bachelor's in allied health management, and is presently employed in the nuclear cardiology department at Hartford Hospital.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Gloria Pothier of Ogdensburg, New York. A graduate of West Springfield High School, he is employed as a ceramic tile floor installer in Agawam.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

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Agawam Firefighter Completes Rigorous Professional Training

Chief David Pisano of the Agawam Fire Department is pleased to announce the graduation of David Spafford from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 55-day Recruit Firefighting Program on February 6, 1998.

This rigorous professional training provides our newest firefighters with the basic skills to effectively and safely perform their jobs. This program is offered tuition-free by the Massachusetts Fire Academy, a division of the Department of Fire Services.

Today's Fire Department Does Much More Than Fight Fires

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires. All firefighters must be trained to offer emergency medical care. They are the first ones to deal with chemical and environmental emergencies ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak.

They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle accidents. They test and maintain their equipment, ranging from self-contained breathing apparatus and hydrants to hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to fires and to contain and control them.

They are also given training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, water rescue procedures, confined space rescue techniques, and rappelling. The intensive, 11-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack.

Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program, all students have met national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.

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KELLIE TERESA CORMIER.

Denise Douglas And Kurt Cormier Have A Baby Girl, Kellie

Congratulations to Denise Douglas and Kurt Cormier on the birth of their daughter.

Kellie Teresa Cormier was born at Wesson Women's on January 22, 1998 at 6:19 p.m. She weighed seven pounds, 12.5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Best wishes and good luck!

You turn our pages each and every week for all the hometown news!

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 16th: Senior Center closed (Presidents' Day).

Tuesday, February 17th: Stuffed peppers with extra sauce, mashed potato, corn, whole wheat bread, apricots.

Wednesday, February 18th: New dish — orange hoisin-glazed roasted chicken, cheddar vegetable casserole, rye bread, cookies.

Thursday, February 19th: Salisbury steak and gravy with noodles, peas and carrots, pumpernickel bread, canned pears.

Friday, February 20th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, cole slaw, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding.

Info. For Seniors About Food Stamps

Did you know you can pay for your Meals on Wheels with food stamps? Families do not need to be on welfare in order to receive food stamps.

If you are on a limited income and having trouble making ends meet, then consider food stamps. Food stamps will help you stretch your food dollar.

Any senior receiving SSI is automatically eligible for food stamps. Families that own their own home or car can participate in the food stamp program. Two-thirds of eligible seniors do not receive food stamps because they do not know they are eligible.

For an eligibility determination, call the toll-free number, 1-800-645-8333. All calls are free and confidential.

For an appointment, call 789-3838 to fill out an application. A volunteer is available to help on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center through May 1998.

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MICHAEL SIERON JOHNSON

Johnsons Announce Birth Of Son, Michael

Bob and Lisa (Kamyk) Johnson are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Michael Sieron Johnson.

Michael was born December 13, 1997 at 5:20 p.m. He weighed six pounds, five ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Big brother Bobby was very excited to welcome Michael home.

Michael's maternal grandparents are Mike & Phyllis Kamyk. His paternal grandparents are Bob & Marilyn Johnson.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

The Kids' Place Receives NAEYC Accreditation

The Kids' Place was recently granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This prestigious recognition has been achieved by about only five percent of early childhood programs nationwide (some 5,618 programs as of September 18, 1997, serving 538,030 children).

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they meet national standards of excellence.

The Kids' Place conducted an intensive self-study, collected information from parents, teachers, administrators, and classroom observations. They received an on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals specially trained by NAEYC, to validate their self-study results. All of this information was independently reviewed by a team of national experts who grant or defer accreditation. Accreditation lasts for three years.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Julie Belliveau, Center Coordinator. "The process carefully considers all aspects of program provision, including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, administration, and physical environment. But the greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn — intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally."

Research supports the value of accreditation for children. Children's language skills and social skills especially benefit from the better quality found in NAEYC-accredited programs. "These are critical areas for children's success in school as well as in life," said Belliveau.

The Kids' Place is located at 901 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills and serves 83 children ranging in age from one month to seven years of age.

The full-day, year-round program will now proudly display the NAEYC torch — the sign of NAEYC accreditation. Parents who look for the torch when choosing child care or early education programs for their families will find programs who have made a commitment to excellence for young children and families.

The Living Legacy Foundation To Present Feb. 22nd Workshop

On Sunday afternoon, February 22nd, the Living Legacy Foundation will present the second of a four-part workshop entitled "Almost" Free Advice Your Mother Tried to Each You.

The second session focuses on techniques for creating and improving personal, family, and work relationships. Participants will discover ways to increase tolerance and decrease tension and conflict.

Workshop leaders are Mary Ann Dietschler and Sasha ZeBryk. Both women teach at area colleges, and have taught and trained in the personal development arena for a combined total of 27 years.

The workshop will be held at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served at this fun and interactive workshop.

To register for the second session, send a check for \$29 to The Living Legacy Foundation, c/o Mary Ann Dietschler, 281 Elm Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

For additional information, call Mary Ann Dietschler at 789-7722.

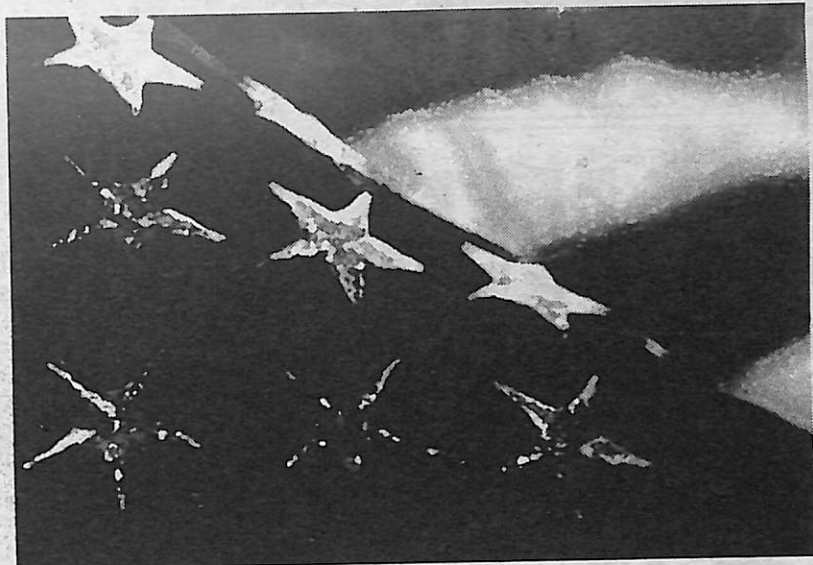
Boy Scout Troup 78 Will Be Sponsoring Valentine's Day Dance

Boy Scout Troop 78 will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dance for adults on Saturday, February 14th, at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Agawam. It will be held from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Music will be provided by DJ Billy Gino.

Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at the door or by contacting Louise Pilegi at 786-0255.

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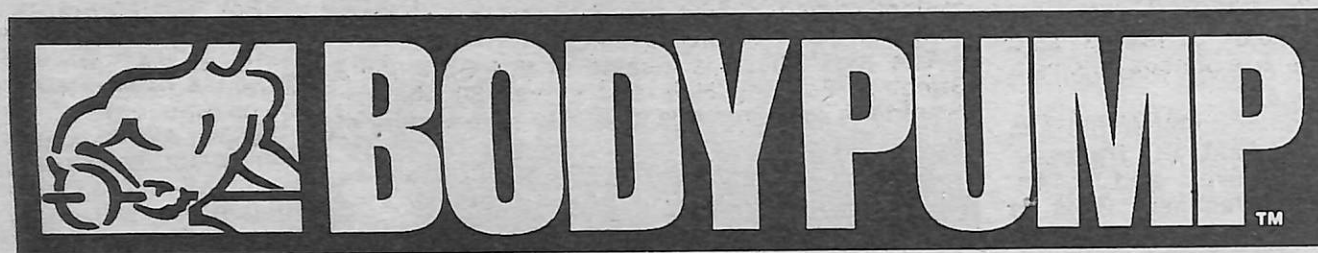
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Church News

St. Theresa's And St. Anthony's Welcome Rev. William Rousseau As Their New Pastor

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Reverend William Rousseau arrived at St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus R.C. Church in January to administer to both St. Theresa's and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Churches on Bridge and Maple Streets in the north end of Agawam.

"My assignment is to keep intact the individual identities of two churches that are sharing the services of a single priest," Father Rousseau said in a recent interview. "Obviously, to do this the churches coordinate scheduling of services and programs to avoid conflicts."

Both congregations are very supportive, he said, in sharing what can be shared while remaining separate.

He is also responsible for serving Country Estates Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Suffolk Street.

Father Rousseau is not new at serving two churches at the same time. He spent two years as Parochial Vicar at St. Patrick's and St. Anne's Churches in Chicopee, and came to Agawam from serving both St. Ann's and St. Vincent DePaul Churches in Lenox, MA.

Two churches for one priest is necessitated by a shortage of priests, not by any intention to close a church, Father Rousseau said. He said he realizes that the situation causes rumors. "But I want to stress that my assignment here is to maintain the individuality of both churches. I have no knowledge that this will change, although the future is not written in stone."

The churches are similar in membership and activities, Father Rousseau said. St. Theresa's has a registration of 279 families, and St. Anthony's has 286 registered families. (This is families, not individuals.) There are many people attending services and contributing support, Father Rousseau said, who have not registered at the church, making exact figures impossible. He said he would like these people to register.

"There are three Masses on the weekends," Father Rousseau remarked, "and all three are filled to capacity."

Each church has a council. Eugene Laturnau is chairman of St. Theresa's Church Council, and Carolyn Beggs is acting chairwoman of St. Anthony's Church Council. The councils are inter-involved, meeting one month separately and the next month in combined session. The financial committee of each church is also separate.

There are women's societies at each church, and sometimes they come together for social events. The Rosary Altar Society of St. Anthony's had a social on February 10th and had invited the women of St. Theresa's. The Women's Society of St. Theresa's will have a Communion Breakfast, to which the women of St. Anthony's are invited.

Other Commissions At The Churches...

Each church council has a Family Life Commission and a Spiritual Life/Liturgical Commission. They plan separately and coordinate when it seems propitious. The CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) programs are separate, except at the Junior High when they are combined to prepare for Confirmation. The combined Confirmation will be held in St. Theresa's Church on May 18th, with Bishop Joseph Maguire presiding.

Each church has a part-time secretary and part-time custodian.

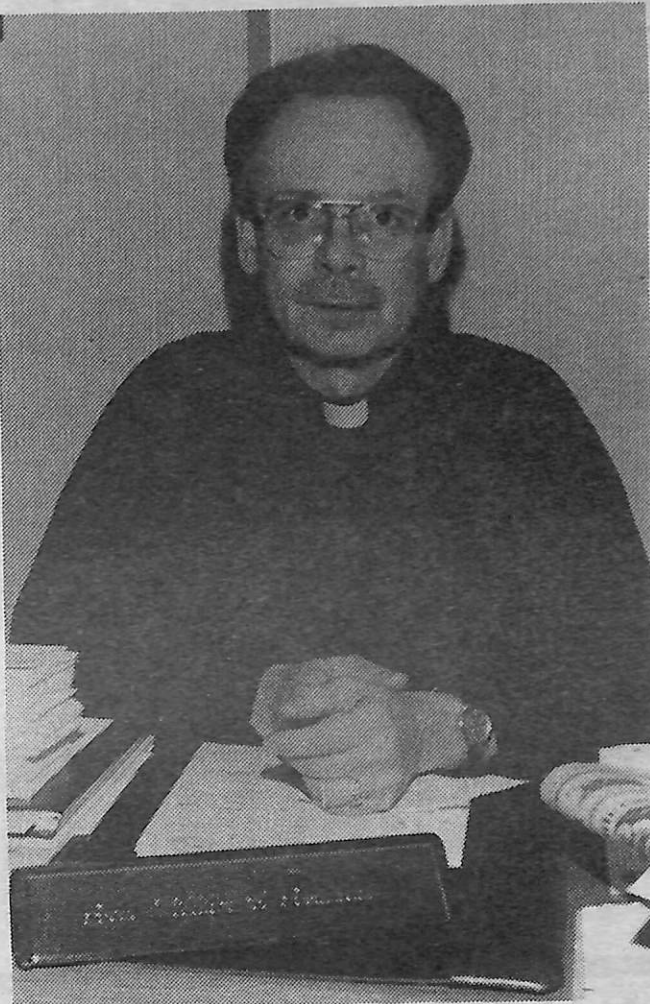
These are the two oldest Catholic churches in Agawam. St. Anthony's was built in 1926 primarily for Italian Catholics, and St. Theresa's was established in 1927 primarily for persons of French extraction.

St. Anthony's was a church of the Stigmatine Order. Father Leo Reilly, the last full-time pastor who died in February 1995, was a Stigmatine priest. The Springfield Catholic Diocese took over the church, and Rev. Albert Breton, who was pastor of nearby St. Theresa's Church, was assigned to shepherd both congregations.

Father Breton retired on December 1, 1997, and Rev. John Sullivan was the administrator at both churches until Father Rousseau arrived in January.

A native of Trenton, New Jersey, Father Rousseau graduated from Trenton State College and Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA. He was ordained to the priesthood in July 1995 at St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield. He currently resides in Agawam and has his office in the rectory of St. Theresa's Church.

"We are working together to make life livable and workable," the priest said. "Our goal is to maintain the two church identities but share a spiritual life." He added that he believes this is the wave of the future.



REVEREND WILLIAM ROUSSEAU, who is now administering to both St. Theresa's and St. Anthony's in the north end of Agawam.

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Other Catholic churches in Agawam are St. John's and Sacred Heart. There have been some combined educational and religious services for several years.

A newsletter for the four Catholic churches of Agawam, entitled *Agawam Catholic*, will be printed monthly and will begin distribution on the weekend of February 14th-15th. It will list inter-parochial activities for Lent, plus the regular and Lenten schedules for the four churches.

News & Notes For Next Week At F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include a special collection of blankets for Church World Service. The lectionary readings for February 15th, the sixth Sunday after Epiphany, will be Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, and Luke 6:17-26.

Rev. Evelyn Lavelli will be our guest pastor while Rev. Donaldson is away. The Lector will be LiLing Waller. Children should attend worship with their parents leaving at a designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

There will be another Quilting Social here on Saturday, February 21st from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This will be good time to show off how much you've accomplished since last month!

The jugs are filling up for the Board of Christian Education-sponsored collection of pennies to help send a physically challenged youth to Camp Hemlock in Connecticut. Thank you! Please continue to bring in your contributions.

The Ladies Benevolent Society will sponsor Blanket Sunday this Sunday, February 15th, and again next Sunday. Blankets in good condition will be accepted as well as monetary contributions. Church World Service will distribute the blankets where they are needed.

There will be a special dedication of our new Bibles during worship on February 22nd. Thank you to all for the overwhelming response of donations made in memory and honor of loved ones. Please come and share in our service of dedication.

Those using the church building are asked to have patience while we renovate. We apologize for the inconvenience, but know that the end result will be worth it!

On the calendar:

Sunday, Feb. 15th: 10:00 a.m., Blanket Sunday; Rev. Evelyn Lavelli, guest pastor; Junior Choir practice after church.

Monday, Feb. 16th: 4:00-5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30-7:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees

Tuesday, Feb. 17th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons

Wednesday, Feb. 18th: 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir

Thursday, Feb. 19th: Informer deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.



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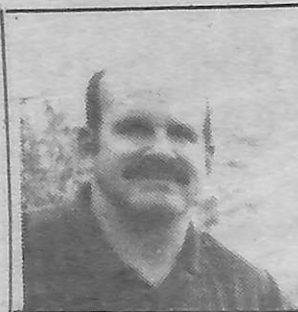


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Would You Be Blessed Or Cursed?

Have you ever wondered why it is that two people can have very similar negative experiences, and that while one weathers the storm, the other falls apart under the pressure? Some poet once said, "Into every life a little rain must fall."

Based upon just about everybody's experience, the poet got it right. We do not know anybody for whom life is perfect. Even those for whom life might be described as a bed of roses get scratched by thorns from time to time. Others of us get more than what we think is our fair share of rain.

Some people suffer as a result of the negative experiences of their lives. Even if they appear, on the surface, to weather a given storm in their lives, they are left off worse for the wear by the experience nonetheless. They can become embittered, or hardened, or even fall into alcohol or drug abuse because of their sufferings.

Other people can have similar or even worse experiences, but get through them without incurring such battle scars. Like any normal person, they would have preferred to avoid trouble. Nevertheless, they become better people through their sufferings.

The significant difference between such people is not what they experience, but rather how they experience it. One type of person draws his or her strength from natural resources, such as family, friends, society in general, or even money. The other type of person has learned to look to God for help in their time of need. They don't look around for help, they look up.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord: They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

For those who look around rather than looking up, one of the sadder things is that they will become increasingly disappointed. People, individually or corporately through society, simply cannot take the place of God in our lives. Those who insist on trying to make it otherwise are destined for disappointment.

They are indeed cursed, so much so that they shall not see when relief comes. They can't perceive the blessing or grace of God in their situation, because their hearts have become so hardened, all dried up like a shrub in the desert.

It doesn't have to be that way for any of us. God certainly doesn't intend for it to be that way. God, who knows us through and through, calls upon each of us to look up to Him, in good times as well as in bad.

God wants us to be able to rejoice during the good times, and not to be fearful or anxious when things don't go our way. God wants to bless each and every one of us, to make us strong, like trees planted by the water.

Chicken Supper At Valley Community

Valley Community Church, located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, will be holding its next community-famous chicken supper on Saturday, February 14th.

The menu consists of: baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage.

But it doesn't stop there. After eating all that, you still have to make your choice from the delectable, luscious, sure-fire fattening desserts. Continuous servings are available from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost is just \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children. We do suggest you make reservations by calling Dot at 786-6031, Shirley at 786-2576, or Jeff at 789-2552.

"Love" Sermon Topics Continue At First Baptist

"The Qualities of Love" will be examined by Pastor Richard Barnes this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship. His scriptural reference will be the familiar 1 Corinthians 13. This will be the third in a series of four messages on love during the month of February.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall, with church school classes for all until 11:45 a.m.

Assisting in worship leadership will be Lynda Dalla Pegorara, who will lead the responsive reading. Greeters are Ed & Phyllis Damon and Dutch & Norma Wethamer.

Coming up this week:

Monday, February 16th: Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, February 17th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club Dinner & Program; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, February 18th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, February 19th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

The International Men's Conference is being held at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, from March 5th through March 7th. If you are interested in attending with other men in the church, contact Doug Grabowski, tel. (860) 668-0450.

If you wish to contribute an article to the upcoming Lenten booklet to be released on Ash Wednesday, get your item in NOW to the church office!

There will be a men's game supper at the Calvary Baptist Church in Easthampton on February 20th at 6:30 p.m. Following the supper, Paul Blasko, freelance nature and wildlife photographer, will speak on "The Alaska Experience."

A free will offering will be taken. If you are interested in attending, call the church office, tel. 786-7300.

Trading Post's "Sale Day" Slated At First Baptist

The Trading Post at First Baptist Church of Agawam, located at 760 Main Street, Agawam, will be holding a "Sale Day" on Wednesday, February 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On items available "upstairs," you will save 50 percent; on items available "downstairs," you will save 20 percent. What's more, a \$4 bag sale will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

There will be fantastic buys on a wide variety of merchandise, including misses', juniors', and men's apparel; "stylish stouts"; children's clothing; baby articles; coats; jackets; jerseys; sweaters; blouses; jeans; slacks; skirts; shoes, boots, and skates; household items; and knick-knacks.

Please remember not to bring any incoming items on "Sale Day." We hope to see you all there!

Activities & Events St. John's Church

Contributions Records for 1997 are still available this week.

They will be on hand at the Rectory Office should you want your copy, or give us a call and we will be happy to mail it.

Meetings of the Agawam Catholic Singles Club are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in joining, please call Frank, 789-2764, or Kay B., 786-8442.

On Saturday, February 14th, the Singles Club will be holding a Valentine's Day Dance at "Adelfias." The cost is \$10, and tickets will be available at the door.

The next trip for St. John's OVER-60 Group will be on April 2nd. The destination is Liberty/Ellis Islands via the ferry.

The cost is \$32 with no meals included. The bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. and return by 8:00 p.m.

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Harvest Assembly Of God To Hold Area Showing Of New Film

There will be an area showing of World Wide Pictures' new dramatic film, "The Ride," at the Harvest Assembly of God Church on Sunday, February 15th, at 6:00 p.m.

The movie, produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, is an entertaining yet deeply moving and dramatic film that is great for all ages.

The story focuses on a former world-champion bull rider (Smokey Banks) who has reached rock-bottom in his life, and whose only task is to now teach a 14 year-old boy to ride. In the process, Smokey learns a lot more about life (when to hold on and push through, when to let go and trust) and, most of all, that God is someone who can be trusted, despite how things look on the surface.

The Harvest Assembly of God Church is located at 121 Union Street in West Springfield (near the IHOP). Admission is free, but a love offering will be received for the film.

For more information, you may contact the church at 739-1234.

Roast Beef Supper Slated For Feb. 28th By Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on February 28th. Servings are from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m.

Adults are \$7.25, children under 12 are \$4, and children under five are free. Reservations are appreciated.

Please call 786-7898 or 789-2410.

"Beanie Baby Sale & Swap" At St. Thomas Church In West Side

The St. Thomas Women's Club in West Springfield will be sponsoring a "Beanie Baby Sale and Swap" on Saturday, April 4th.

Interested vendors should call 736-4823 or 737-2166 for more information and/or reservations.

"Senior High Youth Sunday" Will Take Place This Weekend At Agawam Congregational

This Sunday, February 15th, is the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. Worship continues at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This is Senior High Youth Sunday. The Senior High youth of the church will be leading and participating in the Worship Service. The Prelude, a Sonata by Schubert, will be performed by Brad Tilden on the piano. The Postlude will be performed by Doug Nooney on the guitar. Sarah MacFadden will be the vocal soloist performing "Hymn of Promise" and "We Are the Light of the World."

The first Anthem, "Pass It On," will be performed by the "Youth Singers" — Jessica Hansen, Stephanie Dubue, Holly Trombley, Doug Nooney, Lindsey Jeserski, Amanda Tilden, Bob Fuller, and Jessica Forni, under the direction of Dan Pender, Youth/Christian Education Director.

The Sermon given by Rev. Fuller will be, "The Lord is Watching Over Us," taken from Text: Psalm 1:1-6. The Children's Message will be, "You Are the Light," given by Holly Trombley.

This Sunday is also Boy Scout Sunday. Troop No. 82, sponsored by the church, will present an Honor Guard for the service.

New members joining the church this week are: Stewart & Karen Withee, Bob McKeever, and Wayne Cartwright.

The Senior High Youth Group will meet Sunday, February 15th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Bring a friend! Dan Pender, Youth/Christian Education Director, will lead the program.

The Adult Education Class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room. This week's class will be led by Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director.

The theme for Sunday will be "Healing with

Justice." All are welcome to attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is soup. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

Join us on February 14th for our church adult Valentine's Day Party from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Chuck Malloy, of Music Celebration, will be the D.J. for the party.

There will be music, refreshments, contests, door prizes, raffles, and more! Bring a friend! Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

The next Loaves & Fishes Program is Monday, February 16th, at 4:00 p.m. Meet at the church to carpool over to the kitchen in Springfield. Return by 6:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to help serve may join us. Donations of elbow macaroni and tomato sauce are always needed for the prepared dinner.

On February 20th, the Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups are planning a Cross Country Ski Trip to Northfield Mountain Ski Center. Rental and instruction will be provided at the Ski Center. Pizza and music back at the United Church in Bernardston following the ski trip.

All this for only \$12. Bring a friend and join the fun!

The Catering Committee is planning a Yankee Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday, February 21st, at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars today!

The "Growing In God's Spirit" Capital Campaign continues. The next event will be on Sunday, February 22nd — a Report and Celebration Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

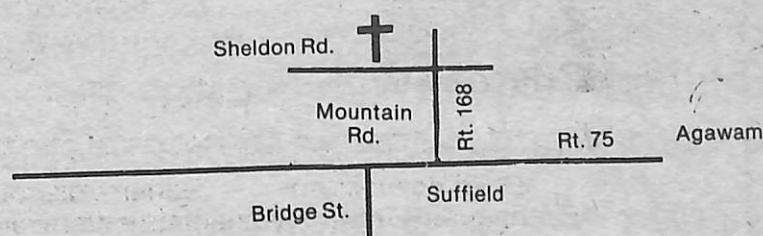
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Landry, Lyons, & Whyte Company Holds Annual Kick-Off Breakfast

At the Annual Kick-Off Breakfast held at The Log Cabin in Holyoke, LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company/Better Homes and Gardens announced its 1997 Awards for top sales production.

Among those named the Top Associate of each office was Pam Savioli of Feeding Hills.

The breakfast was attended by over 175 agents, management, and support staff. The year 1997 was a banner year for the company, and Laurence D. Landry, President, stated that the company participated in the sale of over \$275 million in homes and properties throughout Western Massachusetts.

Ninety-five associates received awards for their

multi-million dollar sales production in 1997, and over 30 agents and staff were acknowledged with gold pins for their years of service in the company.

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Simmons Company Recognized For Quality Excellence

The Agawam branch of Simmons Company, manufacturers of Beautyrest bedding, has been cited for exceeding the company's 95 percent level in manufacturing quality, according to Operations Manager Jeff Hilbruner.

"Quality is key in this industry," notes Hilbruner. "Our company initiated its Quality Assurance Program for two primary reasons, to maintain the high quality of both product and process, and to help our employees stay focused on continually improving that level of quality. We are very proud to note that in both cases, we have excelled for the second consecutive year."

The plant, which employs approximately 120 people, undergoes over 145 in-process quality checks on a daily basis.

In recognition of its achievement, the Agawam facility will enjoy a catered luncheon on Tuesday, February 17th. Several members of the company's upper management team will travel from corporate headquarters in Atlanta to participate in the celebration. They will be joined by Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson, who will cite Simmons Company for its achievement.

The Agawam plant, one of 17 Simmons Company locations nationwide, serves as a manufacturing, sales, and administrative facility, and produces bedding for all of New England and upstate New York. It was opened in 1988 after the company relocated from Medford, Massachusetts.

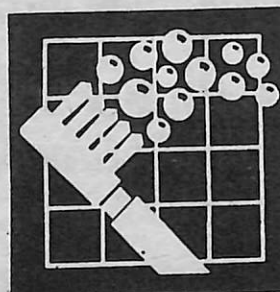
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Riverside Park Comes Thru With Five Grand For AHS Cheerleaders

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With the help of Riverside Park, the Agawam High School varsity cheerleaders hit the halfway mark in their effort to raise enough money for the 18-member squad to travel to a national competition in South Carolina next month.

Last week, Riverside General Manager Bill Muirhead presented the team with a \$5,000 check and issued a challenge to the business community to match Riverside's donation by collectively raising the rest of the estimated \$10,000 it will cost to send the girls to the CANAM National Cheerleading Competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in March.

After congratulating the team for being invited to represent Agawam on the national level, Muirhead said, "We're hoping to challenge other businesses to get these ladies going to South Carolina."

As the treasurer of the cheerleaders' parent booster club, Diane DeLuca was the recipient of the phone call announcing Riverside's intention to underwrite half the cost of the trip to nationals. Mrs. DeLuca is the mother of two girls on the squad: Lonnie, a senior, and Lauren, a freshman.

"I was flabbergasted," Mrs. DeLuca said. "I think it's wonderful they are being so generous with the community. And it's wonderful for the girls; the idea of being recognized sends them a message that what they do counts."

A native of Pittsburgh, Mrs. DeLuca has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the community in supporting youth activities in the 10 years her family has lived here.

Muirhead said sponsoring the team was a wonderful opportunity for the town to come together and create lifelong memories for the girls. "We're delighted that the team will have an opportunity to compete and extremely proud that they will be representing Agawam in the National tournament," Muirhead said.

The Willingness Of The Business Community...

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said the donation demonstrates the willingness of the business community, particularly new businesses like Premier Parks and Berkshire Power, to support school activities by making the trip more affordable for the girls and their families. Recently, Berkshire Power donated \$750 to the cheerleaders' South Carolina fund.

"This shows an outstanding commitment on the part of the Agawam business community," Johnson said. "I'm hoping other businesses will meet the challenge."

School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin praised Riverside for stepping up to the plate in support of activities in the schools. "I'm here with my checkbook to contribute to the fund, and I hope other business people and other School Committee members will do the same," Mrs. Sandlin said.

With no funding from the School Department for their trip to the national competition, the burden of raising the \$500 needed for each team member to go to South Carolina falls on the girls and their Parents Booster Club. The team is hoping to raise a considerable portion of the money by hosting a state-wide cheerleading competition at AHS on Saturday, February 14th.

Cheerleading Coach Kim Hebert said news of the donation came at a pivotal point in the girls' fundraising effort when a decision would have to be made whether or not they would be able to finance the trip. "The news of this donation and the challenge to the rest of the town has made all the difference," Ms. Hebert added.

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RIVERSIDE PARK GENERAL MANAGER Bill Muirhead and Agawam High varsity cheerleader Coach Kim Hebert hold the \$5,000 check that Riverside donated to help defray the costs of the cheerleaders' trips to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in March. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Westfield Bank Helps McDonald House



J.C. OWEN, a member of the board of directors of Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, is shown accepting a check for \$1,000 from Westfield Bank Treasurer Mary Peltier. The contribution is to be used toward the operation of the Ronald McDonald House on Chapin Terrace, which houses parents of youngsters undergoing treatment at Baystate Medical Center, Shriners' Hospital, or Mercy Hospital.

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Personal Injury — Golf

A "distressed" golfer whose club slipped from his grasp and injured a companion could be sued for negligence, the Court said.

The defendant golfer argued that under the Supreme Judicial Court's 1989 decision in *Gauvin v. Clark*, a recklessness standard - as opposed to a negligence standard - applies to all competitors in athletic competitions.

But the Court disagreed, holding that the recklessness standard in the *Gauvin* case was intended to apply to contact sports only.

Teed Off

The defendant was golfing with three companions. On the sixth hole, the defendant hit a drive which sliced out of bounds. The defendant, who was apparently quite upset over the result of his drive, lost his grasp of his club, which slipped out of his hands and struck the plaintiff. The plaintiff, who was standing behind the defendant and to his right at the time, suffered lacerations to his scalp.

The plaintiff alleged that as a result of being struck by the club, he suffered flashbacks to his combat experiences from wartime service.

The parties disputed whether the defendant threw his club in frustration, which would have been considered reckless, or simply let it slip from his grasp as he swung angrily at the air - which would have amounted to negligence.

The Young And The Reckless

Addressing the issue of liability standards for athletic competition, the Court noted that, under the Supreme Judicial Court's 1989 decision in *Gauvin v. Clark*, players owed each other a duty to refrain from reckless misconduct.

The SJC held in *Gauvin* that "precluding the imposition of liability in cases of negligence without reckless misconduct was necessary to further the policy that 'vigorous and active participation in sporting events should not be chilled by the threat of litigation.'"

However, the Court pointed out, that *Gauvin* did not present the SJC with the issue of whether a recklessness standard should be applied to non-contact sports like golf.

"Golf is not the type of game in which participants are inherently, inevitably, or customarily struck by either the ball or another player's club," said the judge, distinguishing golf from contact sports like hockey, which gave rise to the *Gauvin* case. "Unlike contact sports, where assaults and batteries are the norm, the only time golfers normally touch each other is when they shake hands at the end of a round. The emphasis in golf is on control, finesse, and courteous behavior rather than power, speed, and violent contact."

Thus, a person who is injured during a round of golf only needs to show negligence in order to recover damages.

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BERKSHIRE POWER STAFF MEMBER JOANN MCGEOGHAN presents a \$750.00 check to Agawam High Cheerleader Coach Kim Hebert as team members look on. The money will help defray the costs of a March trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the National Cheerleading Competition. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Berkshire Power Donates \$750 To
AHS Cheerleaders For March Trip

The Agawam varsity cheerleaders have received another major donation towards their goal in raising \$10,000 to attend the CANAM National Cheerleading Competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Berkshire Power will contribute \$750 to the effort.

"Though relatively new to the area, Berkshire Power is ecstatic to participate in this way. We really admire what these young ladies have accomplished. As new members of the Agawam business community, we're proud to be able to contribute and participate in their effort. We're

hoping that their hard work pays off and that they get the recognition they and the Agawam School System deserve," said Ken Roberts, Berkshire Power's Chief Operating Officer.

The cheerleaders plan to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, next month to participate in the CANAM National Cheerleading Competition. The estimated cost of the trip is \$10,000. The cheerleaders will need to reach their fundraising goal by the scheduled trip date of March 20th, and Berkshire Power's donation will bring them one step closer to their goal.

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The 1998 edition of WestFest will take place on May 16th and 17th at Stanley Park in Westfield. Each year, the festival is planned and executed by an unpaid volunteer staff.

This year, we are in desperate need of committee members and volunteers. There are many

committees that have unfilled slots. A few hours of your time will ensure the continuation of this great event.

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Congratulations, Tami!!!

This week's column is from the staff at Hampden County Chiropractic. We (Ann, Michele, Lisa, and Sue) would like to take this opportunity to express our thoughts.

Dr. Nelson gave birth at home on Friday, February 6th, to a beautiful and very healthy nine-pound, 10-ounce boy. Christopher Orion arrived at 12:18 p.m. Big brother Jack and Dad are so proud, and Mom is exhausted but beaming.

All of us would like to express our love, respect, and happiness to Doc and her family.

Dr. Nelson has instilled in all of us the importance of treating each other and our patients as family. We all work together for wellness in body but most importantly in mind. The office strives to reflect this not only by the atmosphere we try to project as you walk through the door, but in the quality of care given to each and every person.

These past few weeks have proven that Dr. Tami has the best patients and her philosophy works. The good wishes shared from our patients have encouraged us all. Each and every day, Dr. Ramos (Dr. Nelson's very special colleague who was picked to oversee us all) has worked with us and the rest of the Hampden County Chiropractic family as we all continue the path to wellness.

Doc, we look forward to your return, but we want you to know from all your family at Hampden County Chiropractic — the staff, patients, and especially Dr. Ramos — that we will continue as you taught us and practice what you preach because you taught us to heal with love, care, patience, and especially with faith.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

Happy "16th" Birthday, Edwin



Love,
Mom, Carol,
Nana & Grampa

Noble Hospital's Latest Support Groups, Classes, & Programs

SUPPORT GROUPS

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays - February 18th, March 4th, and March 18th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on each date. At the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield, MA. Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from stroke and their support persons.

Diabetes Support Groups: Tuesday, February 24th, 1:00 p.m. Conference Room A, Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to all suffering from diabetes and their support persons. Gregory Braden, M.D., will speak at this meeting about kidney disease and the diabetic patient.

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group: Tuesday, February 17th, 7:00 p.m. Conference Room A, Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to all suffering from Crohn's or Colitis and their support persons. Paul Farkas, M.D., will speak at this meeting about coping with inflammatory bowel disease.

CLASSES/COURSES

Tai Chi Classes: Eight-class series with Master Instructor Baiqing Li - February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th, March 24th, March 31st, April 7th, April 14th, April 28th, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Conference Room A, Noble Hospital.

Enrollment is limited to 20. A \$56 non-refundable registration fee must be prepaid with registration. Registration deadline is February 19th. You will receive confirmation or registration.

To register, send check, made payable to Noble Hospital Cardiac Rehab Department, to: Noble Hospital Cardiac Rehab Department, P.O. Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634. Please remember to wear comfortable clothing to class.

For questions, call Health Beat, (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Two-part course - Wednesdays, February 18th and 25th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Education Department/Ground Floor, Noble Hospital.

This course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$40.

To register or obtain more information, call the Noble Hospital Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914.

PRESENTATION

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery: Tuesday, February 24th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Conference Room A, Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about body contouring surgeries, lip enhancements, facial surgeries, and skin care procedures. The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation.

Pre-registration is required. For free registration, call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.



Your Back And Your Health

**by Dr. Joseph
S. Schlaffer
Schlaffer
Chiropractic Offices
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A winning combination of professional athletics and chiropractic should set examples for amateur athletes on a local level.

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A recent article in *Dynamic Chiropractic* indicates that professional athletes are increasingly turning to chiropractic care to help them relieve pain and stay fit. You may recall when ex-San Francisco 49er quarterback Joe Montana was treated by a chiropractor before a live audience during the 1989 Super Bowl; or you may recall reports on athletes like heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield, NBA all-star Charles Barkley, Olympian beach volleyball gold medalists Karch and Kent Steffes, and many others benefiting from chiropractic care.

While many athletes seek chiropractic on their own initiative, chiropractic care is gaining official sanction by many professional teams. According to records from the American Chiropractic Association's Sports Council, this includes professional football, baseball, and basketball teams and, of course, Olympic teams of many countries.

The work done by today's chiropractors around the world helps athletes perform at their best.

If you, or possibly your son or daughter, has a condition preventing full athletic participation, please call the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office at 789-1369 or 789-1073.

Pulmonary Support Group To Meet At Mercy On Feb. 25th

Mercy Hospital's Pulmonary Support Group will meet on Wednesday, February 25th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

The free group is co-sponsored by the Lung Association, and is designed for those who feel physically or emotionally limited by breathing problems such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema.

Meetings offer individuals, their families, and friends the opportunity to share problems and solutions. An informal social period with refreshments is also part of each session.

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For Your Health - continued...

Capt. Leonard House Is Introduced To American Cancer Soc.

It was a big event with short planning time in early December when the American Cancer Society presented its "Royal Treatment" gala to banish some of the agony of cancer for at least one night. Eighteen adult cancer patients and the companions of their choice were chauffeured by Broadway Limousine Service to Agawam's historic Captain Leonard House for an evening of food, fun, entertainment, gifts, and pampering by massage therapists and beauty consultants.

Unsuccessful searches for just the perfect location nearly dampened the enthusiasm of the event's main coordinator, Susan Poole, a breast cancer survivor and volunteer for both the American Cancer Society and the Community Center for Cancer Support in Agawam.

That's when CCCS, a co-sponsor of the royal event, suggested the Captain Leonard House, which CCCS's founder Nanci Scala knew would soon be decorated in total elegance for the holidays. After a brief tour by Mrs. Marilyn Curry, the event selection committee was convinced they'd found the perfect setting for the American Cancer Society's first Christmas present for patients.

In the word of some attendees of the event, it was just what the doctor ordered to lift spirits, share hope, and have fun.

Theresa Giera, a reporter for the *Chicopee Herald* (which covered the event), said, "Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the luxury of being pampered for one. They didn't have a thing to worry about. Their coats were taken, they were escorted from one lovely room to another, and they were immersed in a grand atmosphere from the fresh flowers on the table to seasonal decorations, music hors-d'oeuvres ... the ambience was infectious. Even the volunteers caught the merriment."

Susan Poole coordinated over 19 volunteers who were there to ensure a wonderful time was had by all. The volunteers are members of the ACS Patient and Family Services team led by regional Director Marie Barzousky of the ACS.

Ms. Poole was particularly impressed with the wellspring of community support which allowed her to present the magic evening: "The support just started coming (from local business donors). Food, non-alcoholic beverages, gift certificates, presents, pastry ... the Greater Springfield area really came through for this wonderful cause."

Due to the success and appreciation from the event, both the ACS and CCCS are planning similar performances in the coming months, and the ACS Christmas Royal Treatment Evening will undoubtedly become an annual event at the elegant Captain Leonard House in Agawam.

For more information on upcoming events, please contact the Community Center for Cancer Support, 430 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 821-6990.

**Remember, our deadline is
each Tuesday at 12 noon -
ADVERTISER NEWS...**

The Kids' Place Participates In Fundraising "Hop For Leukemia"

On February 11th, students at The Kids' Place in Feeding Hills participated in a "Hop for Leukemia" to support the Massachusetts Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, serving patients in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. Students hopped for two minutes and collected pledges based on the number of hops.

The funds that are raised support the Leukemia Society's programs of research, patient assistance, and education. The Leukemia Society is a voluntary health agency which has awarded more than \$100 million for leukemia research since its founding 1949.

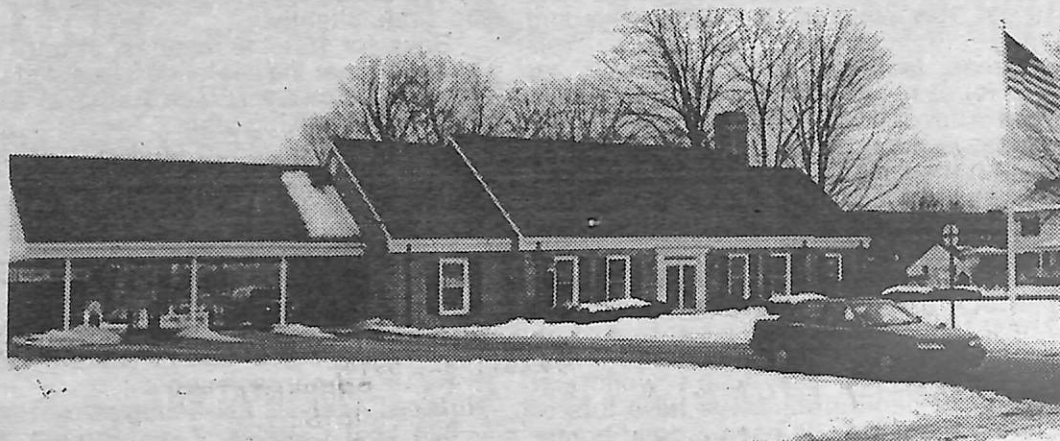
Leukemia is a disease affecting the blood-forming tissues and organs. It takes the lives of more children than any other disease, yet kills eight times as many adults.

Leukemia has been called the "window of cancer research." Medical investigators are making great strides in leukemia research. Many of the life-saving approaches to cancer, such as chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants, were pioneered with leukemia patients.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Breastfeeding Bears Controversy...

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently released new guidelines on breastfeeding. It says mothers should breastfeed their babies for at least one year.

While many specialists are pleased with the recommendation, others are concerned with some of the reports surrounding this news. Some of the confusion stems from a magazine report that said the average mother spends up to six hours a day breastfeeding. However, many moms say that's not the case.

Dianne Yeagley is a mother of two: four year-old Blake, whom she breastfed through a year, and three week-old Brett, whom she's breastfeeding now. She says breastfeeding is a lot more convenient than bottle feeding. "I can do it anytime at night. Sleep is very important and to be able to breastfeed, you don't have to get up and warm it up and then have to clean it."

Lactation consultants are concerned that mothers-to-be might decide not to breastfeed because of the reported six-hour-a-day time commitment, so they wanted to set the record straight.

Maime Gross, lactation consultant, says, "It does take a lot of hours a day. Six is a maximum ideal to feed a newborn baby, but it does not take six hours a day to nurse a baby as opposed to bottle feeding or if they're on solid foods. The amount of time you spend feeding a baby goes down as they get older and are able to eat more in a feeding."

Time is of the utmost importance for working moms. That's why's lactation rooms have been set up in many offices.

Marylie Foust, lactation consultant, says, "Some moms feel like they can't work and breastfeed, but it can be done. We have lots of people who do that. They do need a good breast pump, and they need to do some thinking and planning."

Dianne feels breastfeeding has been a rewarding experience, one she wouldn't trade for the world. She says, "Breastfeeding is really bonding with a mother and child. This is the best gift you can ever have — a child — and you want to be able to give it the very best, and the very best is your breast milk."

Lactation consultants say there are many benefits from breastfeeding. It can help protect babies from diseases like cancer and diabetes. It can also prevent ear infections and certain allergies.

A new study even suggests breastfed babies have higher IQs.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

A "Help Your Heart" Recipe From American Heart Association

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

CHOCOLATE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

2 pounds fresh strawberries, sliced (5½ to 6 cups)

¼ cup sugar

Cake

1½ cups all-purpose flour

⅓ cup unsweetened cocoa powder

¼ cup sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

⅓ cup acceptable * margarine

⅔ cup nonfat milk

Egg substitute equivalent to 1 egg, or 1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

Vegetable oil spray

1 16-ounce container nonfat or low-fat vanilla yogurt

Preheat oven to 450° F. In a large bowl, combine strawberries and ¼ cup sugar. Stir gently until well combined. Set aside.

For cake, in a medium bowl, combine flour, cocoa powder, ¼ cup sugar, and baking powder. Using a pastry blender, cut in margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

In a small bowl, combine milk, egg substitute, and vanilla. Add to dry ingredients and stir just to moisten. Spray an 8-inch round baking pan with vegetable oil spray. Spread dough in pan, building up sides slightly.

Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes on a wire rack. Remove cake from pan; place on a serving plate.

To serve, stir yogurt until smooth and creamy. Slice cake in half horizontally. Spoon half the strawberries onto bottom half of cake. Cover with top of cake. Spoon remaining strawberries and any juice on top of cake and dollop with yogurt. Serve warm or at room temperature. Cover any leftovers and refrigerate. Serves 8.

(* Select margarine with liquid vegetable oil as the first ingredient and no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.)

Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

324 kcal Calories; 7 gm Protein; 58 gm Carbohydrate; 1 mg Cholesterol; 337 mg Sodium; 9 gm Total Fat; 2 gm Saturated Fat; 3 gm Polyunsaturated Fat; 3 gm Monounsaturated Fat.

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Nancy Dell's "Food for Thought" and Dr. Stephen Sobel's "Managing YOUR STRESS" are regular features of the AAN!!!

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Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



Achieving Your Goals

Creating and maintaining momentum will allow you to enjoy the type of fulfilling life you so deserve. Achieving goals is perhaps the most powerful way to get from one place to another.

The saying, "If you do not make plans, you can be assured that someone out there will be making plans for you," has never been truer. Goals achieved do equate to momentum experienced.

Many people experience life as if they boarded a ship that had no rudder or no preplanned destination. They are almost saying, "Wherever I end up, will be fine with me." The problem with this is that it will often lead to broken dreams, frustrations, and (in many cases) boredom.

Achieving personal as well as professional or work-related goals is not hard to do if you have knowledge of what makes goals work. I would like to suggest that in order to enjoy the good times, achieving goals should be a priority in your life.

Setting Goals

While many people have been exposed to setting goals, many have not experienced goal achievement. Achieving goals is our priority. Setting goals is unfortunately needed so we can achieve.

SETTING THE GOAL: Think about three things you would like to have happen to you in the next six months, meaning something you would like to experience, feel, or do. Write these three things down in one sentence each.

These things should be very important to you and be "reality based"; i.e., "I would like to win the Lottery" is not a realistic goal.

• Example: I would like to have a much better relationship with my spouse.

• Example: I want to earn \$7,000 more than I usually do.

• Example: I want to take a trip to Hawaii.

It is easy to set a goal. Just write it down in simple, easy-to-understand language such as we did above. Goals can be emotional, financial, or social.

You see, most people stop here because all they think they need to do is write the goal out! They think by some sort of magical happening or by divine right that what they wrote down will just happen. Wrong!

Unachieved Goals

We are now going to explore why many of the goals people set — while they are honest goals — do not materialize or become achieved.

REASON NO. 1: A goal should be something that you are very motivated to undertake.

REASON NO. 2: In order for a goal to be achieved, the person who sets the goal must be held accountable.

SEE DR. SOBEL - Page 27...

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REASON NO. 3: Goals need to be as specific as possible, or you will not carry out the specific actions to achieve the goals.

REASON NO. 4: Take the necessary actions to achieve the goal.

In conclusion, I'd like to remind you that goals get you where you want to go, usually on purpose. Goals help you feel in control of your life, and the achieving of individual goals breeds more confidence to step up to the next goal.



Cancer Support At Mercy Hosp.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted on Mondays beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center, and are free of charge.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

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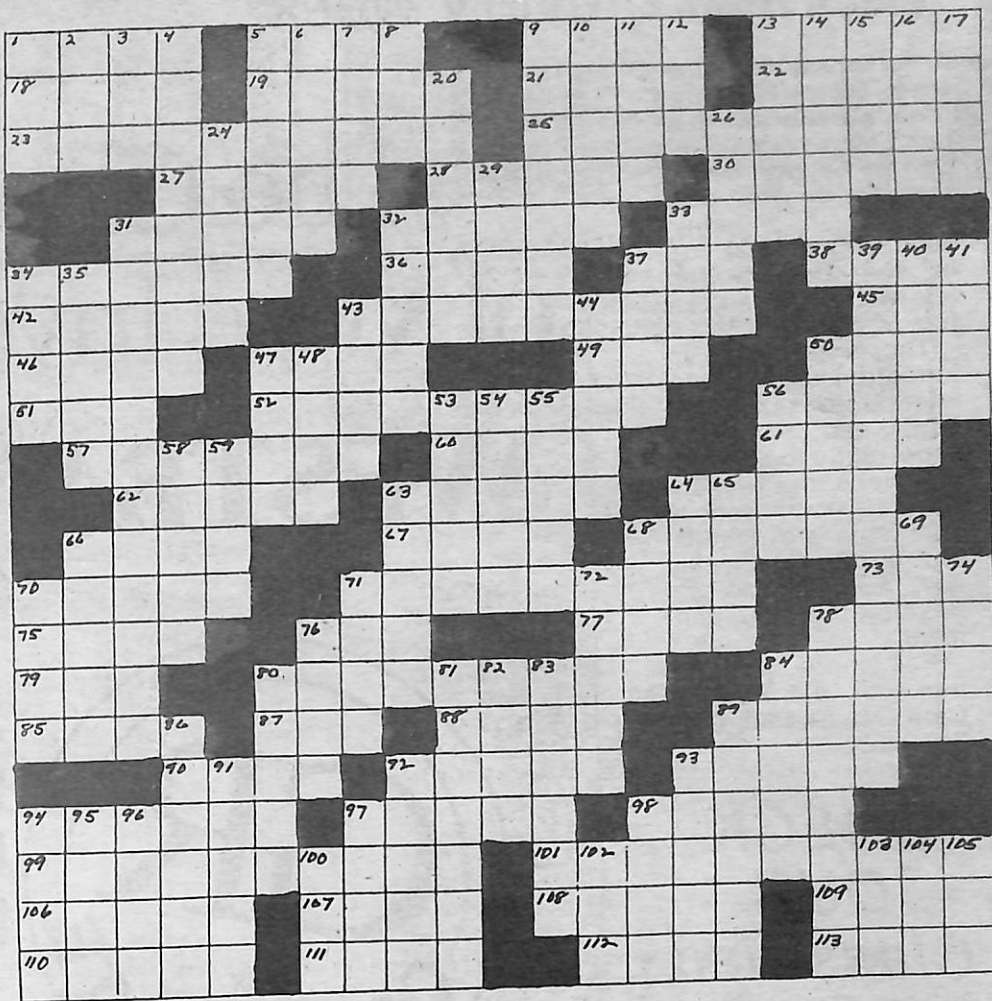
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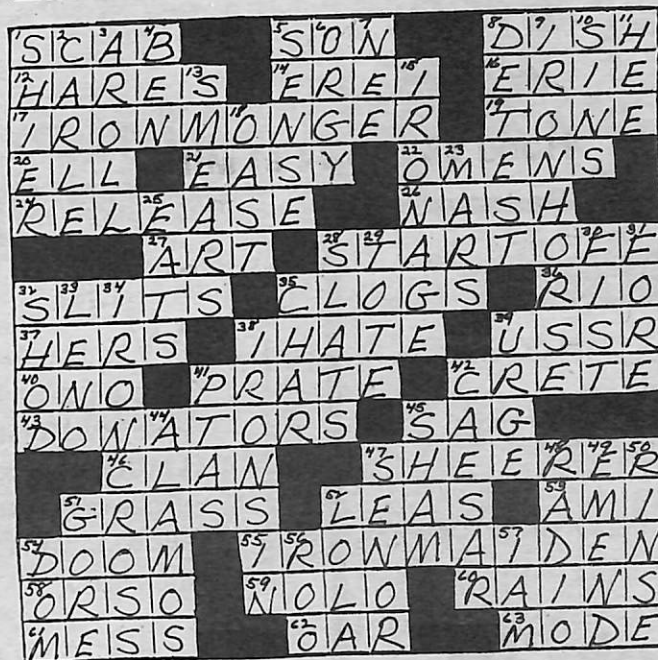
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Last Week's Solution...



"The Legend Of Pocahontas" Coming To Red Door Theatre

Looking for something fun to do this school vacation? STAGE Children's Theatre welcomes you to The Red Door Theatre to see their production of "The Legend of Pocahontas" playing Friday and Saturday, February 20th and 21st at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, February 21st and 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

The play is being presented by 25 area young people who attended STAGE Drama Camp during their school vacation. The 1½-hour show follows the adventures of a 10 year-old Native American girl who helps the early Jamestown settlers in their struggle to survive in their new land.

Her free spirit and closeness to nature is revealed in several comical and musical encounters with animals of the forest and with Mother Nature herself.

All tickets are \$5 each and reservations are strongly suggested by calling The Red Door Ticket Service (413) 789-2026.

The theatre is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (beside the Valley Community Church).

The Red Door presents children's and community theatre all year long. Coming next March 13th-15th, "Aladdin!"

Check our classified ads in each edition...



ACTRESS WENDY BIRCHALL

Theatre Project To Present Resistable Rise Of Arturo Ui

The Theater Project, a non-profit organization that has staged CTA Festival award-winning productions in 1992, 1993, and 1994, will present Bertholt Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*, February 19th through March 14th, according to Danny Eaton of The Theater Project.

Ellen Kaplan will direct the play, and Eaton will produce. Jason Bryant will stage manage, and Ilene Goldstein will handle costume designs.

Southwick resident Wendy Birchall will appear in the play as both Gaffles and Grocer. She has appeared in several local productions, including *The Music Man* for the Red Door Theater, and *Our Town* for Westfield Theatre Group.

Following *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* will be the final presentation of The Theater Project's first full season at the Majestic Theater, *The Buddy Holly Story* (April 2nd-May 9th). *The Buddy Holly Story*, which was initially staged last spring as the opening presentation of the Majestic Theater, ran for 30 sold out performances and is returning by popular demand.

Tickets for *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* range from \$9.50 to \$17 depending on the time of performance, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797. Box office hours are Saturday (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (2:00-5:00 p.m.), and Wednesday (4:00-8:00 p.m.).

Storowton Village Seeks Volunteers For 1998 School Programs

Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum in West Springfield is seeking individuals interested in becoming volunteers for its 1998 school programs.

Volunteerism has been the lifeblood of the historic 19th century Village where a glimpse of life in early New England is presented through unique programs such as the "Look Back," "Little Red Schoolhouse," and "Today's Math in Yesterday's Market" for children.

Storowton Village Museum's education programs take place throughout the year and volunteers are needed for weekday mornings and afternoons.

The Village also hosts numerous tours, special events, and special programs during the year.

Those interested in learning more about becoming a Village volunteer may call the Village at 413-787-0136 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dick Mastroianni's "Meet the Master" is a weekly feature of The AAN...

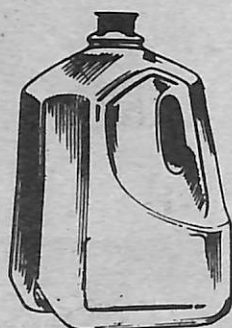
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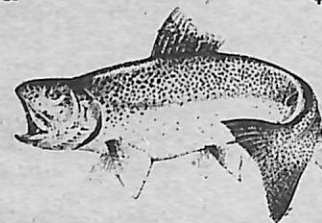
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Middle School's "Readers" Attend Fun Performance

On February 6th, over 300 Accelerated Readers at the Agawam Middle School attended Brian Gillie's performance of "Songs of America."

Gillie, an energetic and versatile performer, sang and danced his way through America's different historical periods, beginning with the Colonial Period and ending with the Rock and Roll Era.

In order to attend, the 192 fifth-graders had to earn 10 or more Accelerated Reader Points during the first half of the year. The 114 sixth-graders had to earn 15 or more points. To earn points, students read a variety of books and take computerized comprehension tests in the school library.

The number of points earned for each book is dependent upon both the book's complexity and the number of correctly answered questions.

After the performance, Mrs. Lester and Miss Bouchie awarded books to those students who earned 50 to 99 points and Barnes and Noble gift certificates to students who earned 100-199 points.

Fifth-graders who received books were Vanessa Tencati, Sonja Jedziniak, Ryan McLane, Jillian Joyce, Danielle Glantz, Gina Graziano, Alexandra Ivey, Nadim Ghaname, and Katie Gorman.

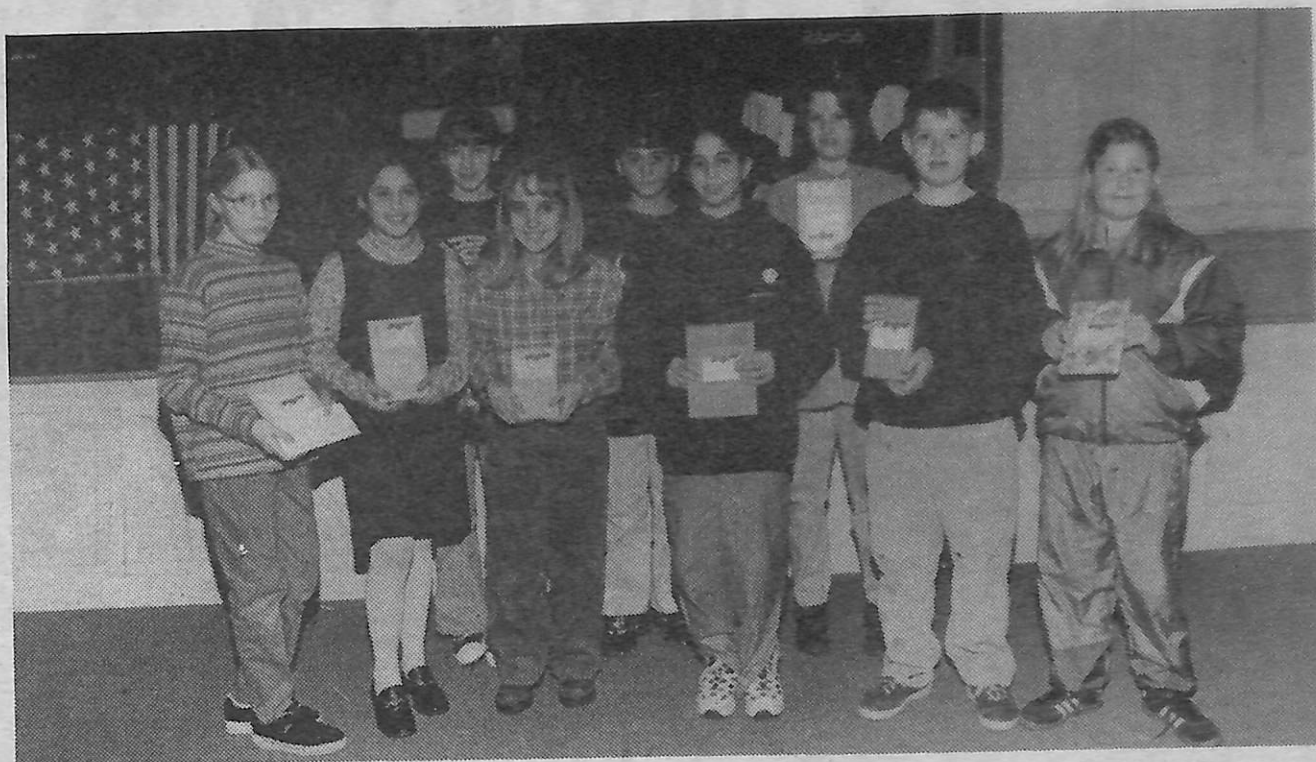
Sixth-graders awarded books were Katherine Bousquet, Courtne Ober, Anthony Rueli, Felicia Tran, and Danielle Borsari.

Fifth-grader Sonja Jedziniak (110.9 pts) and sixth-grader Felicia Tran (198 points) received gift certificates.

For the first half of the year, the fifth grade amassed a total of 4,771.6 points and the sixth grade earned 4,076.9. Mrs. Hellquist's fifth grade class earned the most points, 877.87. In second place was Miss Soverow's fifth-grade class with 821.2 points.

The top two sixth grade classes were Mrs. Gaylor's with 760.2 points and Mr. Ferreira's with 540.9 points.

A special thanks goes to the Middle School PTO, which funded the assembly and the prizes.



THE NINE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS at Agawam Middle School who received books for earning 50-99 points in the Accelerated Readers program during the first half of the school year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MRS. HELLQUIST'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS (Room 211) earned a total of 877.87 Accelerated Reader points — the most points for a single class during the first half of the school year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BRIAN GILLIE, who performed "Songs of America" for over 300 Accelerated Readers at Agawam Middle School on February 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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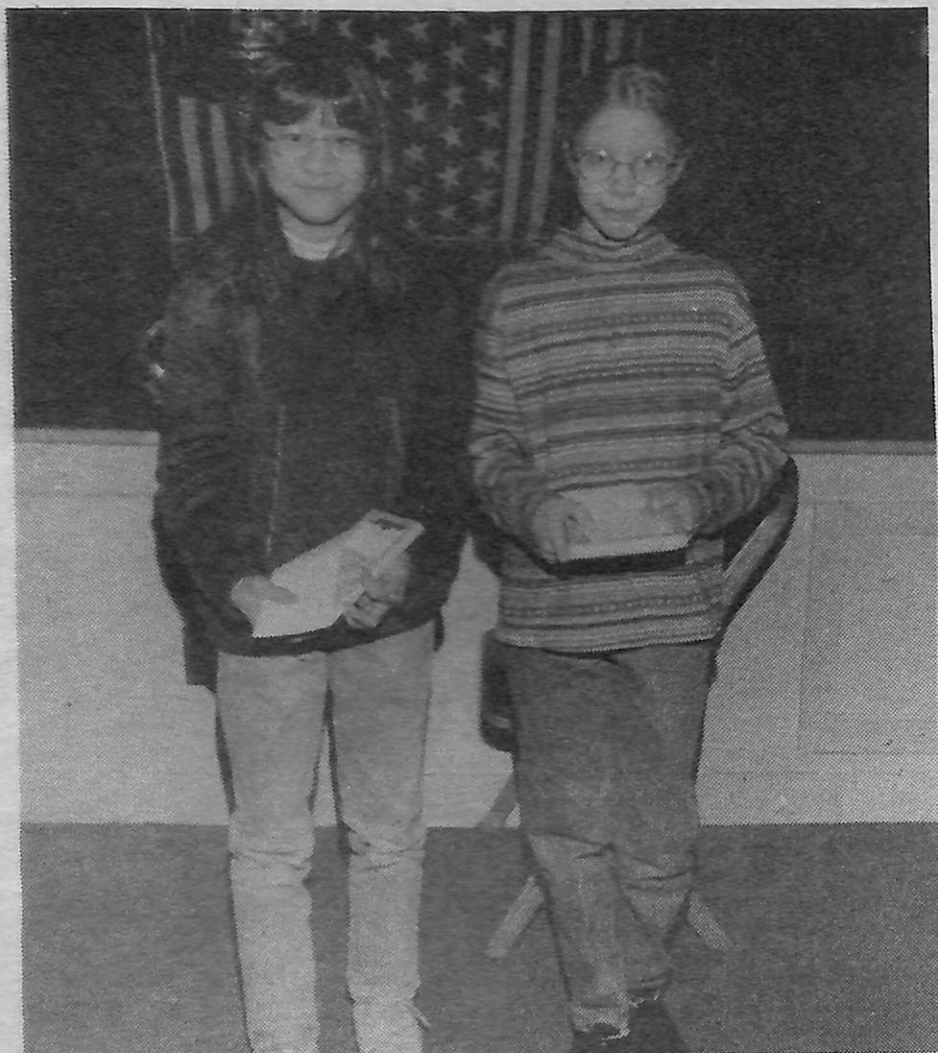
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Accelerated Readers At Agawam Middle School...



FELICIA TRAN (sixth grade) and SONJA JEDZINIAK (fifth grade) received Barnes and Noble gift certificates for earning 100-199 points. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SIXTH GRADE Accelerated Readers who received books for earning 50-99 points (from left to right): Felicia Tran, Danielle Borsari, Courtnie Ober, and Katherine Bousquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Boy Scout Troop 207 Announces Plans For Spaghetti Supper

Boy Scout Troop 207, sponsored by the American Legion Post 207, Park Street, West Springfield, is planning a spaghetti supper for Friday, March 13th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion.

The cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children under eight years of age and seniors over 55.

This is a new Boy Scout Troop, and the proceeds from this event will go towards camping equipment, badges, etc.

Don't forget to mark your calendar and hope to see you on March 13th!

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon...

Christie L. Scheve Receives MS Degree From Boston Univ.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 940 students this winter.

Among the graduates was Feeding Hills resident Christie L. Scheve, who received an MS in Physical Therapy (two-year program).

Boston University is the third-largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges.

The University offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts; a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science, and professional areas; and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

Located in the heart of a city rich in cultural and intellectual attractions, the University is one of the nation's preeminent institutions of higher learning.

School Vacation Program Offered At Storowton Village

Children ages seven through 12 can step into the 19th century and learn more about Early American Village life during Storowton Village Museum's winter vacation program, "A Day Away in the Past." The program will be offered twice, February 18th or 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children spending a day away in the past will be dressed in period costumes provided by the Village and try their hand at crafts such as candle dipping, basketmaking, and fireplace cooking. They will also participate in old-fashioned games and experience the uniqueness of a one-room schoolhouse as they "take their lessons" from the "Schoolmistress."

The cost for the one-day program is \$25. To register or find out more about this unique historic program, call the Storowton Village Museum office at (413) 787-0136.

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Visiting The Post Office...



ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, Daisy Troop 55 from Granger School enjoyed an outing to the Feeding Hills Post Office. They were welcomed by Doreen Gallagher (Clerk) and Maureen Price (Postmaster). Mrs. Gallagher led the girls on a tour of the facilities, which included processing their own letter through the mail. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Residents Graduate From Porter & Chester Inst.

Congratulations to Agawam residents **Walter Sylvia III** (HVACR), **Julie Bassette** (Medical Assisting), and **Lisa Rhodes** (Computer Electronics) on their graduation from Porter and Chester Institute in Chicopee. The graduation of 103 students took place at The Oaks in Agawam with 500 friends and family members in attendance.

Like many Porter and Chester graduates who secure professional positions prior to graduation, Julie Bassette is currently employed at Internal Medicine. Good luck to the new graduates!

Porter and Chester Institute was founded in 1946. The institute offers six schools of study, including: Office Technology Division, Architectural and Engineering Technology, Automotive Technology, Electronics and Computer Division, HVACR (Hearing, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration) Division, and Medical Assisting.

Porter and Chester proudly acknowledges that around 90 percent of their graduates land jobs that match the training they received prior to graduation.

WNEC To Hold Open House On Feb. 28th

Western New England College will be hosting high school seniors and their parents at an Open House from 1:00-4:30 p.m. Saturday, February 28th (snow date: March 1st).

The event is free, but reservations must be made by calling (413) 782-1312.

High school students and their parents will be able to tour the campus, learn about residence life, and speak with faculty, staff, and current students about the College.

With its Wholistic Student Development program, which places emphasis not only on academics, but also other vital aspects of personal growth, Western New England College offers students a unique learning environment.

Western New England College is a private, comprehensive, coeducational institution located on a 185-acre suburban campus in Springfield with an additional 19 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

The College serves its 4,500 students with undergraduate programs in its Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business and Engineering, and graduate programs in its Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law.

Congrats, Ian and Katie!



IAN KEARNEY AND KATIE DUBAY were recently acknowledged as the eighth grade physical education "Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

best local news...

Area Students Earn Scholarships & Awards At Utica College

Last autumn, Utica College of Syracuse University held its 12th Annual Scholarships and Awards Recognition Luncheon to honor students who received scholarships and awards for the 1997-98 academic year, and to introduce scholarship recipients to donors. Scholarships are awarded to students based on academic merit, achievement, and/or financial need.

Among the prestigious recipients were the following area residents:

* From Agawam:

Cory Lavalette received the Frank E. Gannett Journalism Award. Cory's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lavalette.

Catherine A. Reynolds, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Reynolds, Jr., received the Utica College Merit Scholarship.

* From Feeding Hills:

Nicolas J. Solecki earned the Utica College Merit Scholarship and the Frank E. Gannett Journalism Award. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Solecki.

Utica College of Syracuse University is a private, four-year institution which grants the Syracuse University Baccalaureate degree. The College, located in central New York approximately 90 miles west of Albany and 50 miles east of Syracuse, has 1,600 full-time and 500 part-time students.

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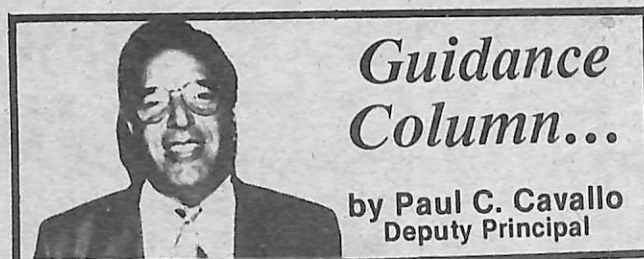
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Guidance Column...

by Paul C. Cavallo
Deputy Principal

Guidance Bulletin

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!
Jessica Ferris: University of Rhode Island.
Sherri Cardin: Colby-Sawyer College.
Eric Fay: University of Connecticut, Western New England College.
Jim Crowley: Duquesne University.
Jessica DeGray: University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.
Carolyn Clini: Westfield State College.
Steve Duplessis: U.S. Air Force Flight School.
Shauna Hadden: Suffolk University.
Stefanie Domaingue: Suffolk University.
Darcy Bates: State University of New York at Stony Brook.
John Szymczyk: Temple University.
Aimee DeVall: Mass. College of Liberal Arts, Westfield State College, Wheelock College, Lasell College.
Shane Carle: Holyoke Community College.
Janice Balicki: Holyoke Community College.
Jill DeMarco: Bridgewater State College.
Elisabeth Shea: LaSalle University.
Kevin Hill: Bridgewater State College.
Melinda McGrath: University of Maine at Fort Kent.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information.

Westfield Post 124 American Legion Scholarship: Open to high school seniors in good standing whose parent or guardian is a member in good standing of the American Legion Post 124. Deadline: May 1, 1998.

Holyoke Community College Scholarships: A number of scholarships are being offered by Holyoke Community College to students who plan to attend HCC. Deadline: April 10, 1998.



MICHAEL T. PERRY, JR.

Michael T. Perry, Jr. Attains Dean's List At Saint Anselm

Michael T. Perry, Jr., son of Michael Sr. & Laura Perry of Feeding Hills, has attained the Dean's List at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire.

A 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, he is criminal justice major at Saint Anselm.

Lucia M. Delnegro Attains Dean's List At Salem State College

The Salem State College of Academic Information, Advising & Records is pleased to announce that Lucia M. Delnegro of Agawam has been named to the fall 1997 Dean's List at Salem State.

To make the Dean's List at Salem State, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credits per semester and maintain a GPA of 3.0.

Alfred Albano Of Feeding Hills Attains Dean's List Standing At Hamilton College

Alfred Albano, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Albano of Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1997 fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A sophomore at Hamilton, Albano is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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GRADE 7

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GRADE 6

HIGH HONORS: Kathleen Ratkiewicz.

GRADE 5

HIGH HONORS: Thomas DeCosmo.

GRADE 4

HIGH HONORS: Michael Prisby.

From Feeding Hills:

GRADE 5

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Lynne Zucco Is On Dean's List At Saint Joseph College

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AGAWAM HIGH'S All-Western Mass. junior guard Barbara Maloni has joined the 1,000 point club and was all smiles with her parents, Cindy and Tony, after accomplishing the feat. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BARBARA MALONI goes up for two of her game-high 31 points in the first half of Agawam's easy win over West Springfield on Tuesday night. Maloni reached the 1,000 point club a bit later on a three-pointer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Barbara Maloni Joins Elite 1,000 Point Club

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They say 13 is an unlucky number. Don't tell that to Barbara Maloni. That was what the Brownie junior needed against visiting West Springfield High Tuesday night to reach the magic 1,000-point mark for her schoolgirl basketball career. Actually, her quest for the grand was about the only drama this game between the old rivals provided, because it was essentially over at the half when the Brownies took a 37-24 lead into the lockerroom on their way to an easy 71-55 victory before a packed and noisy gathering at Kibbe Gym.

The Brownies jumped out to a 7-2 lead with less than a minute gone. Senior Amber Conte canned a three to open the scoring. Then Maloni, off two steals, hit two lay-ups (game-high 31 points). At that point, her magic number shrank to nine. Agawam, with its in-your-shirt, man-to-man defense was giving the Terriers fits. The Brownies were up 12-5 with 3:42 gone. Maloni, fouled on a drive, hit one for two from the line to bring her game total to five points.

The Terriers came back on five straight points by their own 1,000-point scorer, senior center Coleen McCaffrey, to trail 14-10 with 5:30 gone. At that point, both teams had settled into a halfcourt game. Maloni lofted a soft jumper in the lane with 7:38 to play, giving her seven points. The magic number stood at six. With six minutes to play in the half, Agawam led, 22-13, shooting 10-19 from the field while West Side showed 5-18.

At 4:48, Maloni executed a little spin move down low and recorded her ninth point. Forty seconds later, she went 1-2 from the line, "Hands" was now only a trey away. Kibbe Gym, full of the faithful with a good measure of Terrier fans filling the stands as well, was a hothouse of anticipation. She drained a deuce at the 2:54 mark. Her 999th point gave Agawam a 29-22 lead. The full house knew a Maloni moment was coming up.

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It was a situation befitting a call by the late Celtics broadcaster, Johnny Most. He would have been chewing the mike as point guard Kristen Patterson, after a West Side miss, brought the ball upcourt. Patterson coolly crossed the time line as and took a look. The Terrier defenders, always aware of what a threat KP can be, were concentrating on her. Maloni was on the right wing, all by herself.

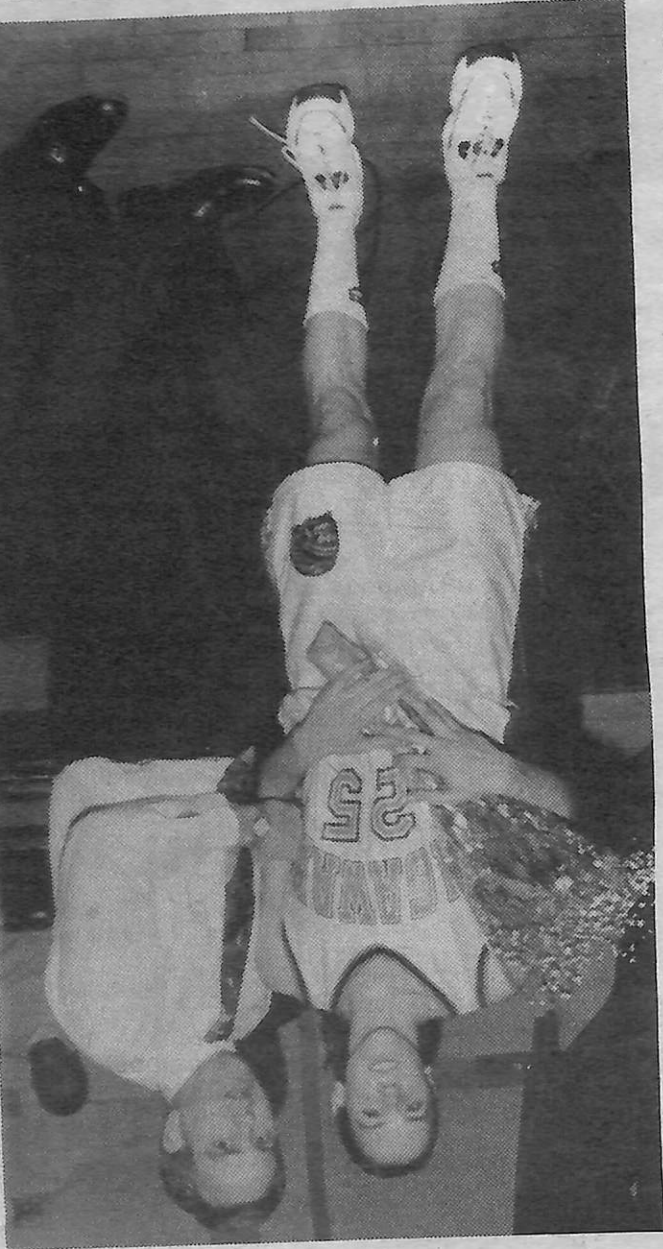
It was fitting that things worked out the way they did. Patterson, who had scored her 1,000th point on January 30th against Holyoke, spotted the lonely Maloni and lofted a pinpoint pass her way. She caught it, stepped back, and launched from "downtown," as Most would have screamed. The three-pointer, with 2:30 remaining, touched nothing but net, gave the Brownies a 32-22 lead, and afforded Maloni with 1,002 points, a place in the record books. The assist, one of five in the game for Patterson, was probably the most memorable of her memorable career.

Something Else Was Memorable... There was also something else that was memorable. Four 1,000-point scorers were on the floor at the same time. The Terriers' McCaffrey (19 points) and Beck Donahue (nine points) are also members of the club.

Later after the game, the standing ovation, and the photo ops, Maloni clutched her bouquet of flowers. "I never thought I would get it so soon in the game," Then she added, "I really never thought I would reach 1,000. When I was a freshman, all I wanted to do was play as much as I could and win basketball games."

Of the now eight members (three boys, five girls) in the Agawam 1,000-point club, Maloni is the only one to achieve that mark as a junior. She joined Patterson in the 1,000-point club, and it

FLOWERS FOR BARBARA: AHS girls' guard Barbara Maloni after she scored her 1,000th point on Tuesday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AHS Wrestlers Take West Side To Finish At 16-1 (Ho-Hum)

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Whatever the sport, whatever the time, place, or circumstance, arguably there is no greater rivalry around these parts than that between Agawam High and West Springfield High Schools.

That rivalry was renewed last week when the Agawam wrestling team crossed the river into Terrier territory. As usual, the faithful followed, shoe-horning themselves into the West Side gym, already chock full of Terrier fanatics.

In the end, AHS grabbed a thrilling, 42-34 victory over the Terriers in a key Division I meet.

"They are a good team," Brownie Coach Phil Tomkiel said of West Springfield before the action began.

One thing that might have made West Side even tougher was the fact that the Brownies were without their star 140-pounder, **Mark Engleman**. The junior had been suspended for the match because of some disciplinary problems. He is capable of a pin every time he takes to the mat. Anyone replacing him could very well be the recipient of a pinfall against the pumped-up Terriers. "Without him, we could be looking at a 12-point spread," the coach added.

The first match saw Agawam's **Dave Moore** go against West Side's Joe Labelle. Both kids were as quick as a wink. Moore, however, was a little bit quicker. He grabbed two early points on a takedown with 15 seconds gone in the first period.

With 40 seconds to go, Moore almost turned Labelle over in preparation for a pin. Moore was ahead, 2-0, going into the second period. A reversal and an escape saw him sweeten his lead to 5-0. Labelle had no answer for Moore's tenacity and it showed throughout the match.

Moore scored two more points in the third period on a takedown, winning 7-0.

Kevin Suffriti wrestled in the 112's. The veteran senior came in with an 11-2 record, which included seven pins. Keith Busiere, a junior, was there to meet him. Suffriti's style is workmanlike — straight out of the lunchpail athletic club. He leapt on Busiere from the get-go and got two points on a near fall.

The Brownie grabbed two more points with 10 seconds to go on another near fall. He led 4-0 after one period. The second two minutes saw a rally by the Terrier. Once again, Suffriti was all over him. But Busiere managed to score three points on an escape and a takedown with 11 seconds to go to make it 4-3, Agawam, after two.

Busiere was in control to start the third period. Suffriti scored a point on an escape, got turned around, picked up the Terrier bodily, and slammed him to the mat. That emphatic takedown gave Suffriti two dramatic points. He ended up winning, 7-3.

Next up was **Kevin McKay** in the 119's. McKay, a Brownie co-captain and a two-time All-Western Mass champion, is the archetypical scholastic wrestler: tough, dedicated, confident, and all business. If Suffriti is from the Lunchpail Club, McKay is totally uptown.

He met West Side's John Avgoustakis. In his three-plus years of varsity wrestling at AHS, McKay has learned a ton of technique. Again, it showed. He got two points on a takedown with 30 seconds gone in the first period. Down 2-0 in the second, Avgoustakis went on the attack. McKay grabbed two more points off a reversal at the 1:36 mark. He was in complete control and ahead, 4-0, when the period ended.

The senior picked up two more points at the halfway mark of the final period and won going away, 6-1.

At that point, Agawam was up, 9-0. Spotting the Brownies nine points is not the thing you want to do, especially in a match where emotions are running at light speed. The Terriers had to step up or they were going to be stepped on.

A Gut Check Match For West Side...

West Side got a gut check match from Marc Foresi in the 125's. The Terrier senior was wrestling before the home folks for the final time in his career, so he had an extra load of adrenaline on board. Brownie junior **Rob Creanza** drew the tough assignment of stopping the revved-up Terrier. Foresi was the aggressor.

With 15 seconds gone, he scored two on a takedown. Another takedown saw him go up 4-0

with 35 seconds left in the first. It was 4-1, West Side entering the second two minutes. Immediately, Foresi went for the pin and got it on a cradle at 1:20 of the second period. That pinfall cut the Agawam lead to 9-6.

West Side would take the lead after the 130-pound match. The Brownies' **Chris Wayte** couldn't handle Mark Flynn. The Terrier sophomore pinned him with 36 seconds gone in the second period to give West Side a 12-9 lead.

Agawam had to stop the bleeding. The man with the tourniquet was senior co-captain **Ryan Grealis**. He took little time applying the pressure in his 135-pound contest with Luke Robinson, who never knew what hit him. Grealis got the pinfall at the 1:09 mark of the first period. The six points put Agawam back on top, 15-12.

Kevin Kill took on West Side's Mike Frank in the 140's. A takedown by Hill and a reversal by Frank had things tied up at two after the first two minutes.

Hill gained control to start the second period and went for the pin with 48 seconds left. He didn't get it, but did pick up three points on a near fall before a Frank reversal broke things up. They went into the third period with Hill leading, 7-4. The Brownie, once again working for a pin, got three for the near fall. Frank picked up one for another Houdini-like escape. Hill got two more points on a takedown as the match ended to win it, 12-5. Agawam led the meet, 18-12.

The Match Of The Meet...

Arguably, the match of the meet occurred in the 145's. The suspended Engleman was penciled in for that one. Sophomore **Kevin Grealis** took his place. His opponent was the veteran senior Colin Sokolowski. This was the scenario Tomkiel had feared. Could the inexperienced Grealis measure up against the battle-hardened Terrier? If Grealis got pinned, it would be that 12-point swing the coach had talked about. It would also tie up the meet. Grealis lost, 9-2.

On three occasions in the match, Sokolowski had Grealis in a near pin position. Each time, the Brownie grimly fought his way out of it. Instead of six points, West Side picked up only three. Agawam still led, 18-15. Brother Rayn smiled after the festivities were over: "I've been working with Kevin all week. His performance really picked us up because we got going after that."

There was only one glitch down the stretch. **Adam Blair** fell 11-7 in the 154's. The loss tied things up at 18-all.

What came next can only be described as a pinfall feeding frenzy. **Lee Kunkler** started it off in the 160's, pinning Dan Robinson at the one-minute mark of the first period.

John Weinle followed in the 171's by nailing Carlo Piecher with 38 seconds left in the first.

Justin Petrangelo did likewise with a pin over Blake Bryan with 29 ticks left on the first-period clock.

Then it was **Darrell Malachowski's** turn in the 215's. The All-Western Mass senior, unbeaten at 13-0 with 10 pins, met senior Brian Dinnie. Malachowski wastes little time in his matches. He took Dinnie down at the one-minute mark of the first period.

The West Side kid, realizing what he was up against, had one thing on his mind — survival. He managed to slide out of bounds (with Malachowski on his back) to defuse a potential pin problem with 42 seconds left in the period.

The raging AHS redhead also had him nailed to the mat when the buzzer blew, saving his bacon. Malachowski was up 5-0 and had Dinnie in trouble with 10 seconds gone in the second period. A near fall gave the Brownie an 8-0 lead midway through. Dinnie tried for the out-of-bounds line, but Malachowski would have none of it.

"The kid kept trying to get out of bounds. No way," Malachowski smiled later. He finally tamed the Terrier on a pinfall with 28 seconds left in the second period. That turn of events gave Agawam a 42-28 lead.

The Terrier fans, who were howling like wolves only moments earlier, suddenly turned into whipped dogs, sniffing for the exits. West Side won the heavies in a pinfall to make the final 42-34.

The Brownie win gave them second place in the "A" Division, behind Ludlow.

Tomkiel's Troops Get 6 Top Seeds For Division I Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

So, what else is new?

Agawam High came out of Monday's seeding session for the Western Mass Division I Tournament with six wrestlers grabbing top seeds in their respective weight categories. Sophomore **Dave Moore** in the 103's; senior **Kevin Suffriti**, 112; senior **Kevin McKay** at 119; senior **Ryan Grealis**, 135; senior **Kevin Hill** at 140; and senior **Darrell Malachowski** at 215 were the kids who grabbed the coveted top spots.

Ludlow High, which won the regular season "A" Division this year, had three top seeds. West Springfield, last year's Western Mass champs, had one — senior Marc Foresi in the 125's.

The tournament will be held at Cathedral High School Friday and Saturday.

Needless to say, Brownie Coach Phil Tomkiel was happy with the way things turned out: "A top seed means you're going to have an easier time of it in the first rounds because you'll be wrestling kids much lower on the chart than you. They are matches you are supposed to win, if things go according to plan."

The coach also noted that to grab the Western Mass crown (which the Brownies captured 10 years in a row before West Side broke the string last year) all the team members will have to give their top individual performances.

"In a dual meet, you can pick up points all up and down your lineup. In this format, it is every man for himself on the way to the title."

Tomkiel is certainly no stranger to the high level of competition offered up by the Western Mass Championships. As such, he can stand back and assess the opposition. "If there is a dark horse here, I would think it might be Central High. Remember, they gave us a hard time earlier this year before we beat them, 37-25."

He also noted that Ludlow, which beat the Brownies earlier in the year, will be pumped up. "They have made a great effort to bring their program to the next level. A Western Mass title for them would be the justification for all their hard work." Another incentive for Ludlow is that the Lions have never won a Western Mass crown.

"West Side can't be counted out, either," he said. "As defending champions, they won't give that title up without a fight."

The Most Important Round In The Tournament...

Tomkiel pointed out that arguably the most important round in the tournament will be the semi-finals. "There, you'll get the hungry kids who upset some of the top seeds on guts and desire, against top seeds who were expected to be there. At that point they all realize they're just one round away from a shot at becoming a Western Mass Champion. It's a very intense time. It's a time you tend to wrestle the best you have ever wrestled."

Agawam is also well set in the other point-scoring weight categories. Junior **Mark Engleman** is seeded second in the 140's. They have two third seeds — senior **Lee Kunkler** at 160 and junior **Adam Blair** in the 152's. Junior **Justin Petrangelo** is a fourth seed at 189. **Brian Chechile** is a fifth seed in the 125's. **Chris Wayte** and **John Weinle** are seeded sixth in the 125's and 171's, respectively.

"Many people feel this will be the most competitive Western Mass Championship is a long time," Tomkiel said. He feels a team score of 240 will take it. "I think we can get that," he smiled, then added, "I think 170 would lock up second place."

The Brownies finished second to Ludlow in the "A" Division this year. But, of course, the coach doesn't think of second place. He's looking for another Western Mass title. You don't get it by being a bridesmaid.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR Austin Kimball is looking forward to the upcoming Western Mass. Schoolboy Hockey Tournament.

Profile -
Hockey Player Austin Kimball...

Secretary Of Defense Austin Kimball Helps AHS Hockey Back To Playoffs

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Austin Kimball is 17 years-old. He'll turn 18 on May 28th. Recently, the two-sport star (hockey, baseball) took time out to talk about himself and his time at Agawam High School.

He's 6'1" and 195 pounds. He has spent his four years of secondary education at Agawam. His curriculum this year consists of advanced math, physics, and psychology. Physics is his favorite course. His favorite teacher, however, is Larry Sheen, who instructs him in history.

Austin has two colleges in mind — Bryant and Springfield. "Springfield has called me about baseball. Bryant has sent me a letter about hockey," he says. Right now, if he plays a sport in college, it will probably be baseball, though he tends to enjoy hockey a bit more. At this writing, he has nine goals and seven assists.

On the baseball field, this guy is a pitcher's nightmare. He has raw home-run power and hits for average. Austin should be one of the premiere sluggers in Western Mass this spring.

Most Memorable Sports Moment...

His most memorable sports moment was when the hockey team won the Fay Division last season. He feels this season, with another trip to the tournament a lock after their win over South Hadley last Saturday night, has been successful so far. "I feel was can go somewhere in the

playoffs this year," he noted. Last season, they were beaten in the first round by Greenfield High.

Austin's favorite food is a pepperoni pizza.

Blue is his favorite color.

A Porsche is his favorite car.

Boston Bruins star Ray Bourque is his top athlete. The Bruins (not surprisingly) are his top professional team.

He likes to relax at hockey games. "A couple of weeks ago, Coach (Fran) Pycko took us to a Bruins game against Ottawa down at the Fleet Center in Boston. We got to go up in the press box. I got some autographs there, including John Bucyk's (Bruins radio announcer)," he smiled.

His taste in clothes runs to jeans and sweaters. He likes all kinds of music, except for rap.

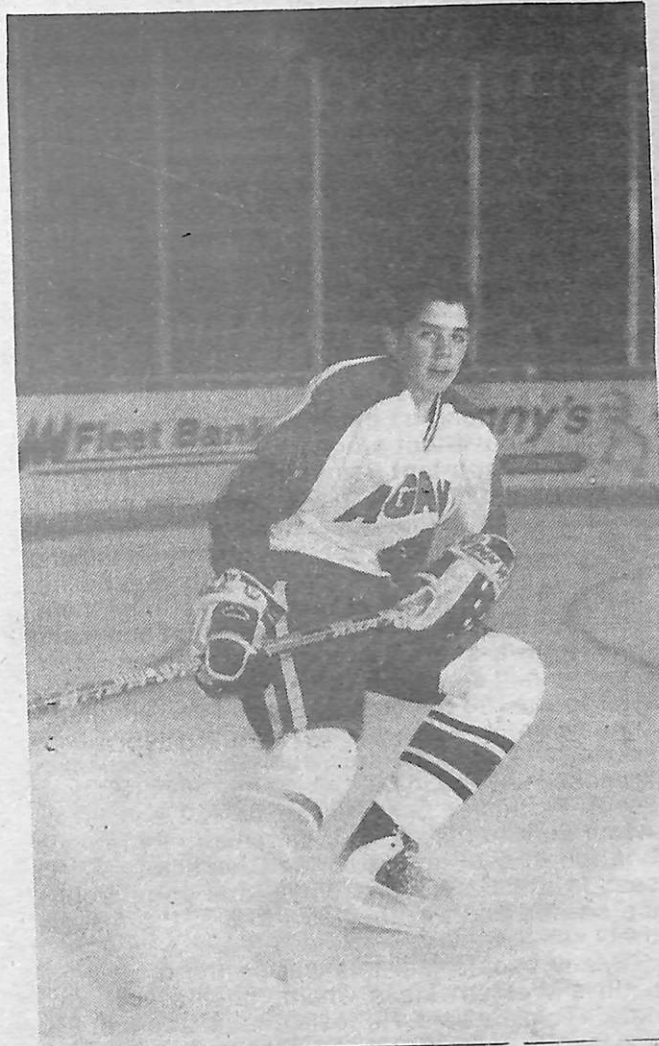
He doesn't really have a favorite T.V. show. "I'm too busy with hockey and school to watch much television," he said.

His favorite movie is "The Fugitive."

His mom's name is Lynne. His dad is Austin the second. "I'm the third," he said. Austin has no brothers or sisters.

He looks up to his dad and his godmother, Sheila Beusee.

When his days at AHS are done, he'd like to be remembered as an athlete and a kid who always tried to be friendly.



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marked the first time in the school's history that two 1,000-point scorers played on the same team at AHS.

West Side used a zone in the second half. Agawam passed around it and shot over it. With four minutes left in the game as the lead ballooned to a surprisingly easy 26 points. Coach Lou Conte sat down his first team and sent in senior Shauna Hadden, junior Kara Tierney, sophomores Sheri Benton and Kate Shannon, and freshman Laura Bucalo. That five — a decent team in their own right and a preview of the post-Patterson and Amber Conte era — protected the big lead.

Perhaps lost in the excitement were excellent performances by junior forwards Melissa Cote, who pulled down 10 rebounds (to go along with six points and her usual tough defense), and junior center Pia Bertone-Gross, who had eight points and seven boards in a war against McCafrey.

This second win over West Side (Agawam prevailed there earlier in the year, 61-44) saw the Brownies go to 16-1 and 6-1 in the Valley Wheel. West Springfield fell to 11-6 and 2-5 in the Wheel.

Later, Coach Conte (happy for his two 1,000-point players) was also relieved. "It was great to

see them reach that milestone. But we have to remember that there is basketball to be played. Now we can concentrate on the job at hand."

At this writing, the Brownies have three regular-season games left, away against Cathedral and Northampton and the huge home game on February 19th against the only team to beat them this year — Minnechaug.

AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS:

MALONI — 31 pts, 13-24 fgs plus 3 3's (54 percent), 2-4 fts (50 percent), 2 off rebs, 4 steals; PATTERSON — 14 pts, 7-12 fgs (58 percent), 3 rebs, 2 off, 5 steals; BERTONE-GROSS — 8 pts, 4-6 fgs (66 percent), 2-2 fts, 7 rebs, 2 off, 1 steal; COTE — 6 pts, 3-6 fgs (50 percent), 10 rebs, 2 off, 1 steal; CONTE — 5 pts, 2-6 fgs including a 3 (33 percent), 2 rebs; SHANNON — 4 pts, 2-2 fgs, 1 reb; TIERNEY — 3 pts, 2-3 fgs (66 percent), 1-2 fts; BENTON — 0 pts, 1 reb; HADDEN — 0 pts, 1 reb; BUCALO — 0 pts, 0-2 fgs.

AGAWAM TEAM STATS:

Fgs 31-59 plus 4 3's (52 percent); fts 5-8 (62 percent); rebounds — 27, 8 off; turnovers — 10; points allowed off turnovers — 4.

WEST SIDE TEAM STATS:

Fgs 21-50 (42 percent); fts 10-12 (83 percent); rebounds — 20, 8 off; turnovers — 12; points allowed off turnovers — 10.

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Boys' Basketball -
Agawam Vs. Longmeadow...

Strole's Big Night Helps AHS Upset Longmeadow Hoop, 67-57

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They say you just get tougher the more you suffer. If that is indeed the case, then the Agawam High boys' basketball team must have skin that is all but bulletproof by now. They hosted Longmeadow High last Friday night and won 67-57, snapping a seven-game losing streak in the process.

The Lancers, who handled the Brownies with ease at their place a couple of weeks earlier (71-49), decided a run-and-gun game would do the trick again. Up-tempo is the not the way Agawam likes to go. But sometimes, you have to bend with the breeze. The Brownies bent, but breaking was not on their mind this night.

With 2:44 gone, a Bryan O'Quinn hoop off a steal and the foul shot after he got hacked made the score 9-4 Agawam. They were up 13-6 with 4:52 gone when Longmeadow made a run, outscoring the Brownies 7-0 to tie it at 13-13 at the 7:37 mark. The Lancers did it with a press and a double down on the ball.

But doubling down in the backcourt means people are open down low. Three of those people were Eric Melbourne (11 points), Dave Strole (career-high 18 points), and Marc Pedraza (14 points). Longmeadow tied it at 18-18 with 5:26 to go after a Melbourne drive had put Agawam up by two.

Then Strole, a 6'5" junior who is coming into his own, drained a five-foot deuce to put Agawam up, 20-18. O'Quinn hit a one-and-one. Pedraza got two to make it 23-22, Brownies. The Lancers hung tough. Ari Robinson, who had 14 points, hit two from the line to give his team the lead with 2:47 left in the half.

At that point, Agawam had missed eight free throws in a row. And the faithful feared their kids were, once again, on the verge of self-destruction.

Time Was Running Out In The First Half...

Time was running out in the first half. Agawam rolled into a 1-3-1 zone. Longmeadow went up, 26-25, with 20 seconds left. Strole hit a bunny to give the Brownies a 27-26 lead with 14 seconds left. Longmeadow canned a one-and-one to tie it at 27 going into halftime.

The Brownies had measured up — going 12-19 from the field, which negated their 3-12 from the stripe. The Lancers, not ready for the Agawam gut check (but shooting well), went 11-24 from the floor and 5-11 from the line.

Longmeadow came out for the second 16 minutes in a full-court press. Jay Hanscom, who

usually contributes in the point department, played some good defense along with O'Quinn and Pedraza. They broke the press and led the Brownies to a 36-33 lead with 3:15 gone in the second half.

A Pedraza tip off three offensive boards made it 38-33, Agawam at the 11:33 mark. A Pedraza three-pointer made Agawam a 41-33 edge with 5:28 gone.

Longmeadow continued its full-court press, closing to 42-37. Jeff Lyman hit two on a lay-up at 7:05, and Sean Anderson converted on a Lancer turnover to put Agawam up 50-39 with 5:58 left.

Longmeadow, much as it had done the first time these two teams met, went physical down low. Agawam wasn't buying the muscle this team. Ryan White blocked out. Melbourne (8 rebs, 4 in the second half) and Pedraza (8 rebs, 6 in the second half) jammed up the Lancer frontcourt.

Hanscom, O'Quinn, and Matt Albano took the Lancers' transition game apart. With 3:30 left, Agawam led, 54-44. They would never give up that 10-point advantage.

Brownie Coach Gary Grumoli, as relieved as his kids to pick up a win, noted later that they handled the Lancer pressure, something they didn't do in their first meeting. He also singled out the play of Strole. "Dave is really learning fast now. He is getting better with every game," Grumoli smiled.

Agawam went to 4-11 and 1-4 in the Valley Wheel.

AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS:

STROLE — 18 pts, 9-13 fgs (69 percent), 10 rebs, 2 off; PEDRAZA — 14 pts including a 3, 6-8 (75 percent), 1-2 fts, 8 rebs, 6 off; MELBOURNE — 11 pts, 5-9 fgs (55 percent), 1-9 fts (11 percent), 8 rebs, 4 off; O'QUINN — 10 pts, 3-6 fgs (33 percent), 4-7 fts (57 percent), 3 rebs, 1 steal; HANSCOM — 5 pts, 1-10 fgs (10 percent), 3-4 fts (75 percent), 1 reb; LYMAN — 5 pts, 1-1 fgs, 3-6 fts (50 percent), 5 rebs, 2 off; ALBANO — 2 pts, 1-1 fgs, 1 reb; ANDERSON — 2 pts, 1-3 fgs (33 percent); DIVIRGILIO — 0 pts, 2 rebs; WHITE — 0 pts, 0-2 fgs.

AGAWAM TEAM STATS:

67 points; fgs — 27-46 plus a 3 (56 percent); fts — 12-28 (39 percent); rebounds — 32, 13 off; turnovers — 11; points allowed off turnovers — 0.

LONGMEADOW TEAM STATS:

57 points; fgs — 22-51 (43 percent); fts — 13-21 (61 percent); rebounds — 20, 10 off; turnovers — 15; points allowed off turnovers — 4.



RYAN WHITE'S tough interior defense helped the AHS boys' hoop team upset Longmeadow last Friday night, 67-57.

Agawam High School Cheerleaders Hosting Competition On Valentine's Day

The Agawam varsity cheerleaders will be hosting a varsity and junior varsity cheerleading competition on Saturday, February 14th, starting at 2:00 p.m.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Interest Running High For Cod Trip

The second annual AAN winter cod fishing trip on the Gail Frances out of Point Judith on Saturday, February 21st, looks to be a success! Quite a few anglers are looking to get out of the winter doldrums.

If you missed last week's column, I will run the directions again. This is an open party boat with a cost of \$40 for the full-day trip on the 90-foot heated vessel. If you don't have your own tackle, rod and reel rental is available for only \$5.

We will be meeting at the dock at 5:15 a.m. on Saturday morning, February 21st. To get to the Point Judith, Rhode Island, location, just follow the directions to follow.

DIRECTIONS

From Rt. 2 East in Connecticut, go past Foxwoods to Rt. 78 East. Turn onto Rt. 1 North in Westerly, Rhode Island. Travel north on Rt. 1 for approximately 16 miles to the Point Judith exit.

Turn right at the end of the exit and continue to the traffic light. Turn right onto Rt. 108 South and follow it for approximately 3.5 miles. Take a right (onto Galilee Escape Pond) at the traffic light past the Fishermen's Memorial Park (on right).

At the end, turn right (Great Island Road) then left on State Street. The Frances Fleet's boats are docked in front of Finback's Restaurant.

SPRINGFIELD SPORTSMAN'S SHOW OPENS ON FEBRUARY 19TH

The largest all-indoors pure sportsman's show will open at the Big E on Thursday, February 19th, and run through Sunday, February 22nd.

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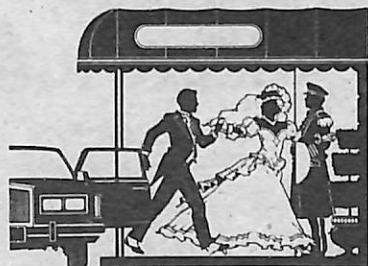
These seminars are super-informative and are worth the price of admission alone. During the winter, I sometimes attend fishing seminars in Boston and Providence to get the latest techniques and tips. These seminars are usually more expensive than the price of admission to the whole Springfield Show. Take in a couple of days of the Springfield Show and "go to school" with some of the top experts in the Northeast.

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Jubinville's Hat-Trick Leads AHS To 13-1 Rout Over SHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It's a long ride up to Orr Rink in Amherst, especially on a cold winter's night. Last Saturday evening, the Agawam High hockey team made the trip for a game against South Hadley and came away with an easy 13-1 win. That victory propelled them into the playoffs for the second year in a row.

"It was a bad situation. We kept our heads about us, though," Brownie Coach Fran Pycko admitted.

Perhaps the toughest thing he did pertaining to the game was make sandwiches for all his players before they got on the bus. "It took me two hours to make them," he smiled as he opened the big cooler and handed them out after the game, along with chips and soda.

South Hadley came in with only nine skaters. "We knew it was going to be a pretty easy game for us," Brownie forward Austin Kimball observed. The Tigers, winless at 0-13, made an effort but finally caved in.

Tony Kosinski scored at 7:32, stuffing one by the Tiger keeper from the left crease. Tony LeClair got the assist. One minute later, Jay Malanson lit the lamp on a slap shot from 20 feet out in front. The assist went to Brian Pagella. Greg Jubinville got the first of his three scores at 6:21 off an unassisted slap shot from 20 feet out.

Things Would Only Get Worse For The Tigers... Things would only get worse for the Tigers. With five minutes left in the first period, Agawam had 11 shots on net. South Hadley had none. Brian Gilhooly wristed one in at the 4:15 mark. Adam Soraque and Kosinski assisted. Agawam

was up 4-0 after one period.

Kosinski scored from Gilhooly and LeClair with 2:34 gone in the second period to make it 5-0, Brownies. The Tigers got their first shot on the Agawam net with five minutes gone in the second period — a weak ice-hugger which goalie Mike Schmidt (filling in for Chris Hearn) handled easily.

A Rich Feeley score from Jubinville saw Agawam go up, 7-0, with 5:30 gone.

At that point, Pycko pulled Schmidt and put Derek Mercadante in net. Mercadante did little more than watch, like everyone else in the arena, as LeClair scored over the glove side of Tiger goaltender Pat Costello. Sprague got the assist. There was 2:26 left on the clock when Malanson notched his second goal of the game. Feeley assisted on that one. The Brownies led, 9-0.

With two minutes to go, Tiger freshman Tom Venne snuck in behind the Brownie defense and beat Mercadante. The second period ended with Agawam up, 9-1.

Pagella, Andy Radwanski, and Kosinski led an early third-period charge which saw Bob Parker score on a crisp crossing pass from Feeley with 2:40 gone. Two minutes later, Kimball slapped one in front 30 feet out to make it 11-1.

Jubinville and Parker rounded out the Brownie scoring. Gilhooly, Feeley, and Pagella got the final assists.

Agawam had 41 total shots on net — 17 in the first period, 16 in the second, and eight in the third. Their record improved to 10-6 and 6-2 in the Fay Division. South Hadley could manage only three shots on the Brownie goal.

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Girls' Basketball -
Agawam Vs. Longmeadow...

Maloni, Patterson Pace Girls' Hoop Over Lancers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One might best describe the Agawam High School girls' basketball team in terms of that great 1960's rock tune by The Yard Birds — "Train Keeps 'a Rollin'."

It's about a powerful locomotive roaring through the stormy night, sweeping everything from its path in a single-minded effort to reach its destination. It is driven by a heavy backbeat which shakes you to the bone marrow. It is hard to ignore.

The Brownie train is hurtling down the track. And save for one derailment at Minnechaug Regional, they are indeed rollin'. Last Friday evening, they rolled right over visiting but game Longmeadow High, 54-42, to raise their record to 14-1 and 4-1 in the Valley Wheel.

If senior point guard Kristen Patterson is the engineer on this train, then junior two guard Barbara Maloni has to be the conductor, because she does indeed conduct clinics on how to work the transition game and finish off the dishes Patterson sends her way.

On this night, "Hands" (as her teammates have nicknamed her) had 31 points — 19 of them coming in the second half. (For those of you who are keeping track, Maloni needs only 38 points to become the fifth female and eighth player overall to join the exclusive Brownie basketball 1,000-point club.) Patterson (who, after the game had 1,018 total points) reached that plateau about two weeks ago.

The Lancers, beaten by the Brownies earlier in the year at their place, 59-42, performed as best they could. They came in as the winners of six straight and were without guard Bridgett Dullea, who is out for the rest of the season with a bad knee.

They set up a man-to-man defense and a half-court offense. But they could do little in the face of Agawam's torrid transition game, which evolves off man-to-man defense and into the run-and-gun. The Brownie offense is set up by their front-court board work. In this one, they had 18 defensive rebounds and scored 17 points at the other end (as a result of them). Patterson usually gets the knockout and it's off to the races.

The Lancers, who never led in the game, closed to within 16-15 with 5:39 left in the first half, which ended 25-22, Agawam.

The Fat Lady Was Warming Up...

The Fat Lady began to warm up with the Brownies leading, 29-24, and 3:32 gone in the second half. Maloni drained a deuce, then another. Patterson hit two, followed by two more from Maloni.

As quick as you could say "the party's over," Agawam led, 39-28. At that point, the Brownies had gone 7-11 from the field, as opposed to the Lancers' showing of 5-12.

The Lancers didn't roll over, though. They fought grimly down the stretch, but just couldn't answer Agawam's speed and agility to take care of the ball (only three second-half turnovers with no points allowed) despite the Brownies' full-bore, up-tempo game. They did manage to close it up at 49-42 with 1:28 left before Maloni stuck in the dagger with five straight points to bring down the curtain.

Longmeadow went to 12-2 and 3-3 in the Valley Wheel. Both teams have qualified for the playoffs.

AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS:
MALONI — 31 pts, 11-23 fgs (43 percent), 8-9 fts, 3 rebs, 2 steals; PATTERSON — 13 pts, 5-10 fgs (50 percent), 3-4 fts, 6 rebs, 4 off; BERTONE-GROSS — 8 pts fgs, 3-8 (37 percent), 5 rebs, 1 off; COTE — 2 pts, 0-6 fgs, 2-2 fts, 3 rebs, 1 off; CONTE — 0 pts, 0-7 fgs, 4 rebs; BENTON — 0 pts, 0-2 fgs, 2 off rebs; SHANNON — 0 pts, 3 rebs.

AGAWAM TEAM STATS:
54 points; fgs 21-48 (43 percent); 12-15 fts (66 percent); rebounds — 27, 11 off, 18 def; turnovers — 6; points allowed off turnovers — 0.

LONGMEADOW TEAM STATS:
42 points; fgs 17-43 plus 1 three (39 percent); 7-12 (58 percent); rebounds — 22, 3 off, 19 def; turnovers — 13; points allowed off turnovers — 4.

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Agawam High Swimmers Lose Close Meets To Visiting Palmer Teams

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' and boys' swim teams lost to visiting Palmer Tuesday afternoon. Both meets were close. The girls fell 96-89. They were in it for most of the way, however. But they were hurt by the absence of Brenna McGinn and Hilary King, who were sick.

The Brownie team of Shaunessy Egan, Shannon Costa, Alicyn Siano, and Rachel Morris took a second in the medley relay. Bridget Donovan took a second in the 200 free with a time of 2:24:17. Her teammate, Morris, came in third at 2:29:29.

Costa was first in the individual medley with a time of 2:36:84. Freshman Lisa Niedziela took a sixth place. Coach Kim Scofield feels Lisa is learning fast and is doing well despite being just a freshman. "Experience will definitely help her down the road," she noted.

Kelly Robinson took a third in the 50 free with a time of 30:20.

Diving saw Robinson come in second. Lauren Kunkler was fourth.

Egan grabbed a first in the fly and swam a personal best 1:11:38 along the way. Siano came in fourth. At that point in the meet, Palmer led, 66-43.

Bridget Donovan was first in the 100 free at 1:03:87. Bridget was coming back after a long layoff. Sarah Bates' time of 1:13 in the event was a personal best for her.

Costa grabbed first in the 500 free with a time of 5:58:34. Freshman Rebecca Morytko was fifth in

7:26:55. Another freshman, Katie Gallagher, was sixth with a time of 8:20:11.

The team of Morris, Siano, Costa, and Donovan took first in the 200 relay with a time of 1:59 flat. Sarah Bates, Robinson, Kunkler, and Darcy Bates finished third with a 2:12:56.

It was a Brownie sweep in the backstroke. Egan was first in swimming at 1:13:69. Morris was second at 1:17:93. Siano, in third, had a time of 1:20:70. At that point, Palmer led, 83-73.

Agawam edged closer in the breaststroke with Danielle DeForge taking first in 1:23:72 and Kunkler a second in 1:28:49. Darcy Bates just missed third place. Her time was 1:32:21.

The 400 relay would decide the meet. Agawam had to put two teams in the top three for the win. The team of DeForge, Donovan, Robinson, and Egan finished second in 4:31:78. Sarah Bates, Niedziela, Gallagher, and Kunkler were fourth in 5:12:51. Thus, the Brownies fell short.

"It just wasn't our day," Coach Scofield said. "We didn't swim our best for reasons I can't understand."

The boys lost, 32-29, in an abbreviated meet.

Brendan Kilrain won the IM and the breast. Matt Adamski won the diving competition; he was the only diver entered and was going for points towards Western Mass.

Adamski's 115.75 fell short of the 140 needed to qualify.

Agawam Piranhas Bow To Northampton

The Agawam Piranhas swim team lost against the Northampton team by a score of 334-318 on January 30th at the JFK Middle School.

The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

Caitlin Hurley, second in 100-yard individual medley. The team of Stephanie Scavotto, Caitlin Hurley, Taryn Dooley, and Julie Gorman placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Taryn Dooley, second, and Stephanie Scavotto, third in 25-yard freestyle. Julie Gorman, first in 25-yard butterfly and first in 50-yard freestyle. Taryn Dooley, first in 25-yard backstroke. Caitlin Hurley, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Daniel Demers, Zachary Demers, Adam Deliefde, and Anthony Lee placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Zachary Demers, first, and Daniel Demers, second in 25-yard freestyle. Anthony Lee, second, and Daniel Demers, third in 50-yard freestyle. Adam Deliefde, first, and Zachary Demers, second in 25-yard backstroke. Adam Deliefde, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Tammy Gorman, Kelly Follis, Kaitlin Bond, and Jennifer Clark placed second in the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Lindsay Brenna, Sarah Fini, Kelly Follis, and Danielle Poggi placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Tammy Gorman, first, and Jennifer Clark, third in 50-yard freestyle. Danielle Poggi, second, and Jennifer Clark, third in 100-yard freestyle. Kelly Follis, second, and Sarah Fini, third in 50-yard backstroke. Kaitlin Bond, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

Erik Deliefde, first in 100-yard individual medley. Connor Dooley, second, and William Barker III, third in 50-yard freestyle. William Barker III, second in 100-yard freestyle. Erik Deliefde, se-

cond in 50-yard backstroke. Connor Dooley, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

Katie Gorman, second, and Allison Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle. Lindsay Carey, second in 50-yard butterfly. Katie Gorman, second, and Brittany Theriaque, third in 100-yard freestyle. Brittany Theriaque, second in 50-yard backstroke. Lindsay Carey, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Lindsay Carey, Katie Gorman, Allison Morris, and Brittany Theriaque placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 11-12:

Thomas Gorman, second in 200-yard individual medley. Daniel Adamski, first, and David Torrey, second in 200-yard freestyle. Paul Lagasse, first in 50-yard freestyle and first in 50-yard butterfly. Michael Lalli, second in 100-yard freestyle. Daniel Adamski, first, and Michael Lalli, second in 50-yard backstroke. Thomas Gorman, second, and David Torrey, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Paul Lagasse, Michael Lalli, Thomas Gorman, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 13-14:

The team of Daveen Macsata, Jennifer Grimaldi, Kimberly Chmura, and Kyleigh Egan placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Kristine Archambault, second in 200-yard individual medley. Daveen Macsata, first in 200-yard freestyle. Kyleigh Egan, second, and Daveen Macsata, third in 50-yard freestyle. Kimberly Chmura, first in 100-yard butterfly. Kyleigh Egan, second, and Kimberly Chmura, third in 100-yard freestyle. Jennifer Grimaldi, first, and Kristine Archambault, second in 100-yard backstroke.

Boys 13-14:

Jason St. George, first in 200-yard freestyle. Michael Follis, second in 50-yard freestyle. Jason St. George, first in 100-yard freestyle. Michael Follis, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

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Lacrosse is the newest varsity sport at Agawam High School, and it is the fastest growing sport in the world.

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The cost for the week is \$20, with the money going to the lacrosse booster clubs to help defray the cost for banquets, gifts, and extras not covered in the school budget.

Registration forms may be picked up at Agawam Middle School and Agawam Junior High School. Registration will take place at the door at 5:30 p.m. on March 2nd and March 9th.

Dal Molin Fund Plans Hockey Benefit At Falcons' Game

The Thomas Dal Molin Scholarship Committee will be having a Hockey Benefit on Saturday, February 21st at the Springfield Civic Center.

As in the past, the first game will be Teddy Bear vs Teddy Bear Alumni at 5:30 p.m., and at 7:30 p.m., the Springfield Falcons vs the New Haven Beast.

It is also "Hall of Fame Night." Come bring the whole family for an evening of entertainment and fun. The proceeds are used for scholarships for Agawam High School students.

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On hand to accept the honors were drivers Gene Bergin, Ron Bouchard, Rene Charland, Ernie Gahan, Pete Hamilton, Bill Slater, and Bugs Stevens. Illness kept Ollie Silva from the affair, so members of his family accepted on his behalf.

Posthumous honors went to drivers Ed Flemke and Richie Evans, promoter Harvey Tattersall, Jr., and the multi-talented Bill Welch.

The plaques will be on display for the first time at RACEARAMA (March 6th-8th) at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds.

N.E.A.R. President Al Fini told the gathering money from ticket sales would be used to create a mobile display that will move throughout New England this racing season. Fini also said efforts for the 1999 dinner are already taking shape. Nominations for the next Hall of Fame class were available at the banquet and will also be available at RACEARAMA.

ABC-TV broadcaster Jack Arute served as master of ceremonies, guiding a series of presenters through a two-hour program that featured both tears and smiles and plenty of nostalgia.

Nationally known writer Russ Conway said Silva was a standout winning "in other people's backyard" and pointed to patience, as well as talent, as keys to his hundreds of victories from Canada to Florida, from Maine to California.

CBS-TV broadcaster Mike Joy cited the importance of providing today's racers with historical references and went on to relate the excitement Bergin providing, pointing out, "Gene always got everything the car had."

Lew Boyd captured the many talents of the soft-spoken, much-admired Welch. Three broadcasters — Arute, Joy, and Dr. Dick Berggren (all professing a debt to Welch) — accepted the award.

Writer Pete Zanardi suggested Ernie Gahan's ability to tell a story was among his key attributes and evidence of his greatness.

Berggren, a CBS-TV broadcaster and Editor of Stock Car Racing Magazine, heaped praise on Slater both as a driver and as an official.

Award-winning writer Bones Bourcier suggested that, despite hundreds of victories and a host of championships, Richie Evans' true measure of greatness may have been his string of NASCAR Modified Most Popular Driving awards. Evans' daughter, Tara, accepted for her father.

Paul Glaska, a starter for Tattersall's United Stock Car Club for a decade, detailed the organization's early days. Harvey Tattersall III accepted the plaque.

Berggren pointed out Bouchard, a modified ace through the 1970's, gave New England something special with his 1981 Talladega victory. Bouchard said that victory "also had him on the edge of his seat."

Bruce Cohen praised Massachusetts product Hamilton, the 1970 Daytona 500 winner, as a man who never forgot his "roots," actually remembering the day Hamilton left to "go south."

Bourcier's emotion-filled tribute to Ed Flemke pointed out his major legacy was a mentor to many, including fellow inductees Evans, Bouchard, and Hamilton. Eddie Flemke, Jr. and Paula Flemke Bouchard accepted for their late father.

Cohen's praise of Charland included an assault with a water pistol, symbolic of Rene's "clown prince" image. Charland expressed great pride in being, along with Ed Flemke, an original member of the Eastern Bandits.

Zanardi claimed Stevens was maybe New England auto racing's first media darling and that it was Stevens who actually defined what Modified racing was all about.

Each inductee praised the others. Hamilton, for instance, recalled Charland getting him a spot in the Union Pure Oil Trails at Daytona, a key in his later success there. Bouchard had high praise for Stevens ("you could run 100 laps beside him and never touch").

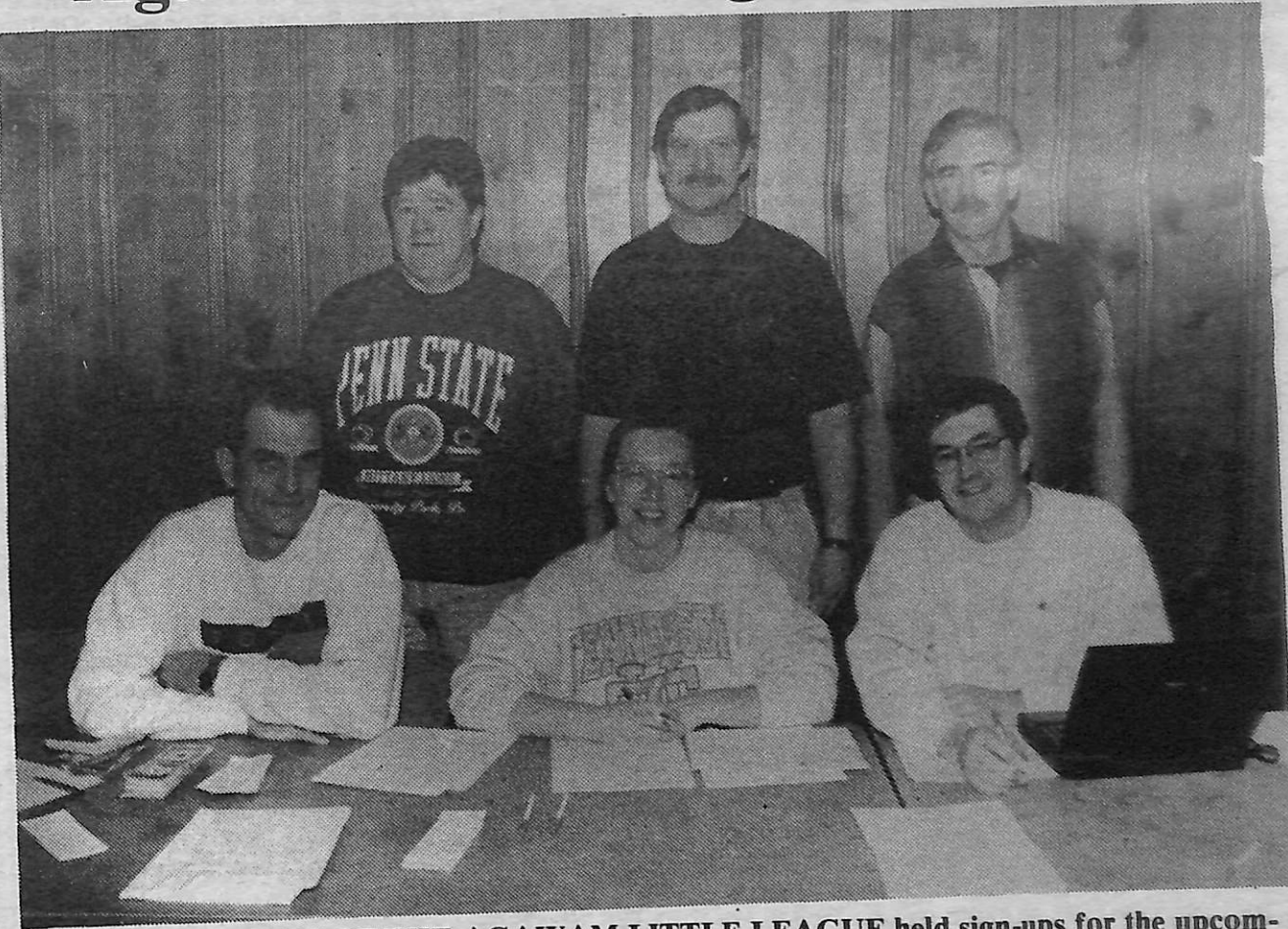
All recipients and presenters also praised N.E.A.R. The banquet capped a 13-month project by N.E.A.R., which was founded in 1981.

In addition to Fini, the N.E.A.R. Hall of Fame Committee includes Joe Berthiaume, Pete Bonzani, Kathy & Donn Cote, Dick Durocher, Doug Farrow, John Georgiades, Randy Hall, Duane Mason, Danny Pardi, Bob Pringle, and Jim Rear-don.



THE INITIAL 12 INDUCTEES of the N.E.A.R. Hall of Fame. Back row, from left - Bill Slater, Tara Evans (for her father, Richie), Eddie Flemke, Jr., and sister Paula (for their father, Ed), Gene Bergin, Ron Bouchard, and Harvey Tattersall III (for his father). Front row - Bugs Stevens, Ernie Gahan, Rene Charland, Harvey Tattersall's daughter, Florence, and Pete Hamilton.

Agawam Little League Sign-Ups



BOARD MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE held sign-ups for the upcoming spring/summer season at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Saturday, February 7th. Standing - Peter Donah, Ed Nawskon, and John Sticco. Seated - Jeff Carmody, Lynn Bussiere, and Rob Danie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Riverside Announcer Gary Danko To Host Weekly Radio Series On WHYN AM 560

Riverside Park Speedway and WHYN AM are excited to announce the beginning of a new weekly radio series, "The Speedway Line Report." Broadcast every Monday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. beginning March 23rd, the show will feature interviews with drivers, team owners, sponsors, and other racing personalities.

Gary James of WHYN Radio said he began the show based on listeners' demand. "There are so many auto racing enthusiasts in the area," said James, "and they kept asking for a show."

Gary Danko, the voice of Riverside Park Speedway, will host the program. A total of 25 episodes will be produced, the last being aired on September 7th.

"The Speedway Line Report" will feature

reports from Riverside Park, as well as many other raceways around New England. Joe Lewandoski, Director of Auto Racing at Riverside Park, is, "... excited to have a radio show that promotes Riverside Park Speedway and short-track racing in Southern New England."

Fans will have the opportunity to participate in the show. Danko will field calls about the show's guests or other events in NASCAR racing. The show will also feature discussions about other racing divisions, including the Winston Cup Series, Busch Grand National Series, Busch North Series, Featherlite Modified Tour, and the Craftsman Truck Series.

For more information, contact Jeremy Davidson at (413) 786-9300, ext. 3341.

Best local news...

Glaciers Runner-Up Champions In Holiday Hockey Tournament

It was another exciting tournament for the Baywest Glaciers that took place over the holiday school vacation week. Participating in the Acton-Boxboro Holiday Tournament, this team became runner-up champions in the Squirt B division.

In the first game against the hometown team, Acton-Boxboro, the Glaciers let them know that they meant business with a total of six goals to win the game 6-0. Goalie Sarah Bishop had many good saves and got a well-deserved shut-out. Scoring in the second period was Eric Cassidy, assisted by Mike Woods. John Bourassa had an unassisted goal.

Leading 2-0 in the third, Cassidy scored again on a nice play set up by Josh Edwards. T.J. Hamilton scored off a nice pass from Cassidy. Steve Woods was next to put the Glaciers on the board, with assists going to Hamilton and defenseman Jeremy Rogalski. The final goal was scored by Julian Partyka, assisted by Steve Woods.

In the second game, the Glaciers met Chelmsford and once again came out strong. In the first period, Mike Woods was first to put the Glaciers on the board, assisted by T.J. Hamilton. Bourassa scored next, from a nice pass from Mike Landry. Hamilton made it 3-1 in the first when he put the puck past their goalie. Tyler Bokuniewicz and Cassidy got credit for the assists.

In the second period, Bourassa scored an unassisted goal on a breakaway. Mike Woods scored again, set up by Hamilton. Hamilton scored the next Glacier goal, assisted by Cassidy. With one second remaining in the second period, Josh Edwards put the puck in the net after a scramble. Bourassa and Mike Woods got the assists. The final score was 7-1.

The Glaciers fell to Woburn in the third game by a score of 6-0. Despite some good passing and several shots on net, the Glaciers were unable to put the puck into the Woburn net. With the luck of a goals-against tie-breaker, the Glaciers earned a spot in the final championship game and once again had to meet with Woburn.

This time, the Glaciers knew they had their work cut out for them and came out strong. This was a totally different game than the previous match, and Woburn was stunned. The Glaciers took advantage of every chance to break up a would-be Woburn play or pass. You could have heard a pin drop in the Woburn stands.

Tied at 0-0 after the first period, Woburn scored at 7:31 in the second. Eric Cassidy scored the only regulation Glacier goal to tie the game at 10:48 in the second. Mike Woods got the assist.

The Glaciers played well in the third period, totally dominating the play, but were unable to score. The game ended in a 1-1 tie. Goalie Sarah Bishop made several outstanding saves.

The Glaciers would have had a powerplay in overtime, but the tournament rules had been changed to only allow a shoot-out. Twenty-six shots were taken, 13 from each team.

Jeremy Rogalski was the only Glacier to score. Woburn scored twice and won the championship with a final score of 3-2.

The Glacier fans were so excited to see their team play so well and come so far, the final score really didn't matter. Congratulations, team, for a job well done!

Junior Varsity Girls' B-Ball Action

The Agawam High junior varsity girls' basketball team fell to Longmeadow last Friday, 39-32. Sarah Lottermoser had 10 points. Jen Lyman chipped in with six.

They beat Northampton, 33-32, on Monday night after being up 24-0 at the half. Elizabeth Stieg had eight points, and Jen Lyman had six for Agawam. Kara Courtney had a good showing for the visiting Blue Devils.

On Tuesday evening, the JV girls beat West Side, 34-32. Kaitlin White and Stieg each had eight points for the Brownies.

(The boys' underclassmen has the week off.)

Babe Ruth League Has Feb. 25th Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for the 1998 Agawam Babe Ruth Baseball League will be held on February 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Faolin Peirce Room (located behind the Police Station on Springfield Street).

The League is open to all individuals who will have turned 13 years of age by August 1, 1998, but have not turned 16 years of age by the same date. The fee for participation is \$75.

For further information, please contact Bill Walsh at 786-7701 or John DeBonville at 786-3588.



THE BAYWEST GLACIERS placed second in a recent holiday tournament in Acton-Boxboro in the Squire B division.

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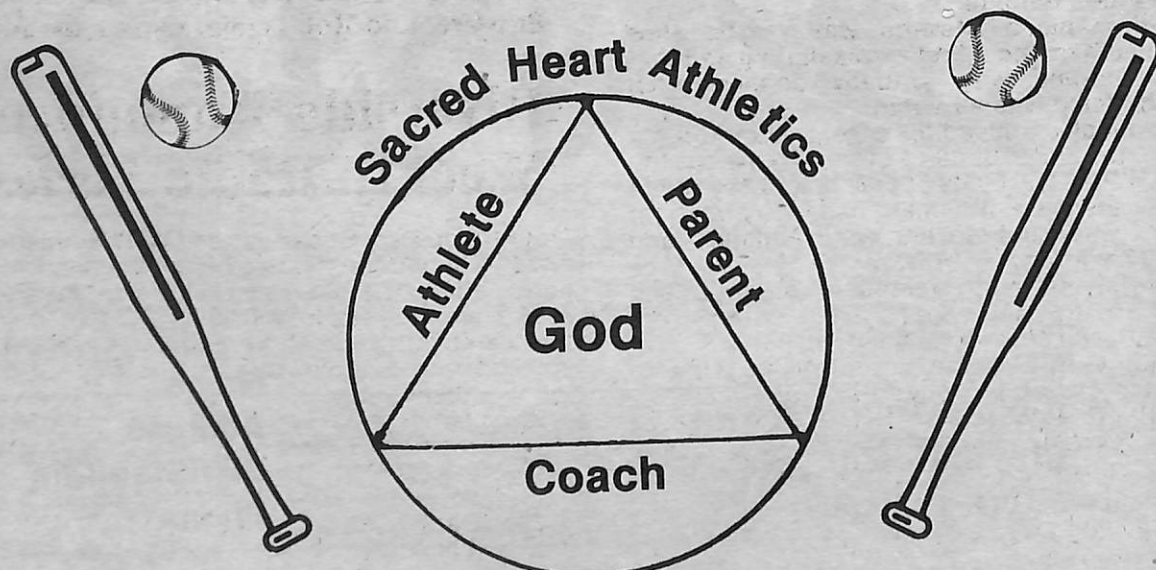
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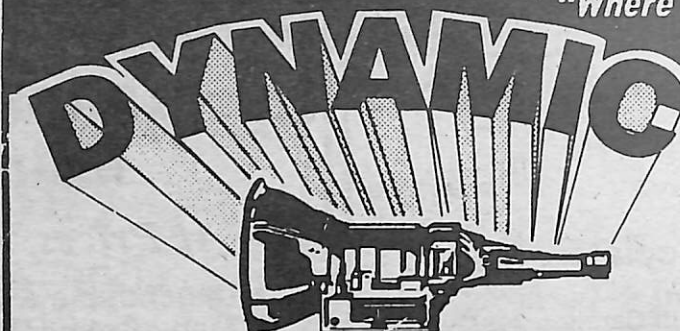
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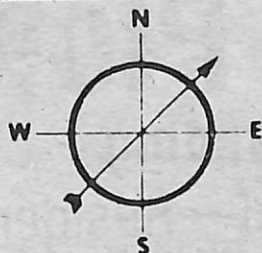
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